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Jail for banker in loan fraud

A BANK manager has been jailed for four years for stealing £300,000 from vulnerable customers' accounts.

Jason Benham, 37, stole the money over three years while he was the manager at the Lloyds TSB branch in Mildenhall.

He was sentenced on Tuesday at Ipswich Crown Court for six specimen charges which he had earlier admitted.

Benham, a father of three children, was living beyond his means when he came up with a scam to convince customers to take out loans and then "siphon off" the cash for his own use.

Prosecutor Richard Wood said: "In essence what he was doing was stealing to cover up other frauds."

Benham, of Paynes Lane, Feltwell, was caught out when a customer who wanted the proceeds of an insurance policy to pay off an outstanding loan

complained to bosses at Lloyds TSB head office about the length of time it was taking to arrange.

Mr Wood said an investigation by the bank uncovered a string of problems involving loan transactions set up by Benham and in January last year he was suspended from his post.

Despite resigning a fortnight later and having been warned to stay away from the Mildenhall branch of Lloyds TSB and its customers and staff, Benham continued to contact customers by text message, phone and through personal visits.

The bank and subsequent police investigation identified 48 separate customers who had been affected by Benham's dishonesty, said Mr Wood.

They included members of his own family, personal friends, neighbours and a number of elderly customers of whom two could neither read nor write and had trusted him to handle all their banking affairs.

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Hunt is on: enjoying an Easter egg hunt to mark the opening of Burwell Museum are Flynn Murfitt, 6, Cyrus Murfitt, 4, and Gracie Murfitt, 9, who received some eggstra help from the Easter bunny who was hopping about among the visitors. Full story and more pictures – Page 4.

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Exactly what all the money which Benham obtained was spent on was unclear, said Mr Wood, although he had purchased a new £18,500 Audi car.

The bank has since paid the money back to the affected customers, the court heard.

Benham admitted five offences of fraud by abuse of his position and one offence of obtaining a money transfer by deception between June 2005 and November last year.

In mitigation, Jonathan Goodman said Benham felt thoroughly ashamed

of what he had done.

Mr Goodman said: "These were foolish actions of a man promoted perhaps above his ability."

Benham had even taken out a £25,000 loan from the bank in his own name and withdrawn cash to the limit on five credit cards in a bid to keep up with repayments on loans he had arranged for customers.

A further hearing is due to take place in late July at which details of Benham's assets will be presented to the court in an effort to reclaim as much as possible of what he gained from his offending.

Jail for heroin addict who stole £10 change

A HEROIN addict has been sentenced to two years in prison for stealing £10 in change from a house to feed his habit.

Jason Spearman was hitching his way to collect his methadone script when he instead broke into a house, Cambridge Crown Court was told last Wednesday.

Spearman, 37, of no fixed abode, forced his way into a house in Newmarket Road, Cheveley, by smashing a downstairs window on March 15.

Sara Walker, prosecuting, said North stole around £10 in change from a tin and some cutlery – but he was traced to the crime by a fingerprint on the tin.

He admitted the charge of burglary

from a dwelling – his fourth such charge. The court heard he had 21 previous convictions for various offences since 1986.

Melanie Benn, mitigating, said North, who was born and brought up in Newmarket, had a heroin problem since 1995. She said he had no contact with his son since his partner moved to the US in 1998.

She said North had knocked on doors and windows to ensure nobody was in the house before he burgled it.

Judge Jonathan Howarth said the minimum sentence for house burglary was three years but he reduced it to two years because the house was empty.

Bag thieves foiled

BAG thieves were foiled when the victim realised what they were doing.

Two women, believed to be in their 30s, tried to steal the victim's bag while she was in a clothes shop in High Street, Newmarket, at about 11am on Sunday.

One of the thieves was said to have been of small build with dark brown hair, wearing crocodile skin boots, blue jeans and a black jacket. The

second woman was of similar age. Anyone with information should contact Pc Emma Harper at Newmarket police on (01284) 774100.

In a separate incident on the same day a woman's purse was stolen from her bag while she was in a discount store in Newmarket High Street between 10.45am and 11am.

Call Sgt Mark Shipton on the same number.



Architect takes on a marathon double

A SELF-confessed 16-stone desk jockey is planning to run two marathons on consecutive weekends.

Steve Crawford, a 41-year-old architect who lives in Newmarket, is hoping to raise around £3,000 for Newmarket's Gateway Club for people with learning difficulties and disabilities.

He will be running in the first-ever Brighton Marathon on Sunday, April 18, before tackling the Virgin London Marathon on the following Sunday.

So far he has been pledged around £500 in sponsorship.

Mr Crawford, secretary of the Gateway Club, graduated from a sponsored walk last

year and has so far completed the Silverstone Half Marathon and the Lucozade Race your Pace event as a "warm-up" to the double marathon attempt.

Based on a time of nearly three hours for the half-marathon he said: "It looks like I've got a good 12 hours of marathon running ahead to complete London and Brighton."

The money raised by the marathons and associated fund-raising will help pay for a special project for Gateway Club members.

Mr Crawford has appealed for anyone wishing to sponsor him to contact him at www.virginmoneygiving.com/SteveCrawford

Left: Steve Crawford paces it out on one of his previous runs. CP

Pastor project helps cut crime

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A SCHEME which has put Christian volunteers on a town's streets at busy weekends has been credited with helping to reduce drink-fuelled violence.

The Newmarket Town Pastors scheme has just completed its first year with volunteers from local churches mingling with revellers who visit the town for its two nightclubs and late-licence bars.

The pastors, men and women from local churches, work alongside police from the town's safer neighbourhood team.

Records from their first year show they helped to diffuse 70 potentially volatile situations and disposed of 1,196 potentially dangerous items such as bottles and glasses.

They also helped 130 people receive medical assistance and alerted police to 28 incidents.

They disposed of alcoholic drink on 252 occasions and helped 210 people find their way home safely.

The volunteers from Churches Together in Newmarket and



Team thanks: Sgt Mark Shipton.

District (CTND) have logged more than 1,500 hours on the streets.

Sgt Mark Shipton, of Newmarket safer neighbourhood team, said: "The team would like to thank the town pastors for their hard work and contribution to crime reduction over the past 12 months."

"They are a moderating influence in Newmarket and offer essential support to those who are vulnerable whether through alcohol, emotional trauma or other issues."

Robin Hardy, who chairs the

pastors, said: "I'd like to thank all who have supported us up to now. A special thank you to all my Christian brothers and sisters who have stepped forward to help show God's love on our streets."

"We currently have 32 town pastors and another 47 members of the prayer support team. Here's to the next year, we hope to expand our service to the community and cover more nights per week."

John Borda, who chairs CTND, said: "While some of the nights have been physically tiring, we have been spiritually uplifted by the number of people we have been able to help, many in small ways not covered in the headline statistics."

"The six-month statistics, showing a 35 per cent decrease in drink/drug related violence, and a 21 per cent decrease in public order offences, came both as a wonderful surprise and an answer to many hours of prayer."

The Newmarket Town Pastors are looking for more Christian volunteers to help them and are aiming to start a training course in early June.

To find out more and obtain an application form please visit www.newmarkettownpastors.org

Free parking as ticket machines go wrong

MOTORISTS could park free of charge in Newmarket on Tuesday after ticket machines went wrong.

But many were unaware that the council had suspended enforcement of the charges and continued to put cash in the machines.

Charges at the town's car parks were due to rise after Easter but council officials suspended charges when they realised the machines had developed a mind of their own.

An increase from 30p to 50p for two hours and from 60p to 90p for three hours had been due to take effect.

A spokeswoman for Forest Heath District Council said the machines were issuing random tickets that did not correspond with the amount of money. She said "out of order" notices were put on some of the machines.

She said: "We believe it was a programming problem and it was fixed by Wednesday."

The new charges are the first increase since charges were brought in – despite a major campaign against them – five years ago.

Councillors agreed to bring in the increased charges, which saw the free half-hour scrapped.

However, the new charges only run to 4pm, instead of 6pm in the old system.

Woman injured in struggle with burglar

A WOMAN suffered a hand injury in a struggle with a burglar who pushed his way into her home.

The incident, in Exning, is being linked with a series of bogus caller burglaries in West Suffolk.

It happened at about 9.25pm on Tuesday in New Road, when a man who called at her home tried to push past her. There was a struggle and when the woman screamed the man ran off towards nearby North End.

Police said the woman, in her sixties, was left shaken and with a slight hand injury.

The man was white and between 18 and 30 years old, 5ft 6in tall, slim and wearing dark clothing including a dark grey hat and scarf.

Police have repeated warnings to householders to check the identity of any unexpected callers. Call Suffolk police on (01473) 613500.

Caravan storage scheme approved

A FORMER councillor has been given planning permission to store up to 150 caravans and 40 portable buildings on his land.

Robert Newman, previously an independent member of Forest Heath District Council, has been allowed to extend an existing storage area at his Ryeland Farm in Wilde Street, Beck Row.

He previously had three-year temporary planning permission to store up to 50 caravans in an area of about an acre. But the planning permission expired in October, 2008.

Now the council has agreed to give him permanent permission – subject to a number of restrictions – to store caravans on more than two acres of grassland and mobile buildings on about half an acre. The council's planning committee were recommended to grant temporary permission for just two years, but they agreed to grant permanent permission.

Jockey hurt in gallops fall

AN air ambulance landed on Newmarket's racehorse gallops after a young jockey was injured in a fall.

The 22-year-old man is believed to have been kicked as he fell from the horse on Monday.

A doctor and paramedic from the Magpas emergency medical charity were flown to the scene by the East Anglian Air Ambulance from its base at RAF Wyton, near Huntingdon.

The injured man was given pain relief by the Magpas team who accompanied him in a road ambulance to Addenbrooke's Hospital. His condition was later described as stable.

Crews rescue the birdie

FIREFIGHTERS rescued a jackdaw which had been trapped in a chimney for about 30 hours.

The bird was sitting on a ledge inside the chimney at The Lodge, Exning House.

The worried

householder called the fire service who used a 30ft ladder to get to the top of the chimney where they were able to look in and see the bird. Firefighter Dave Turner, a member of the Newmarket crew, said: "It was in a section of the chimney which was too narrow for it to flap its wings and fly out."

"We lowered a bag on a rope with the intention of pushing it down into the hearth so it could be caught and released from inside the house. But when the bag was next to the bird, it hopped on and we pulled it up. When it was almost at the top it just flew off."

The incident happened just after 10.30am on Monday and the crew was at the scene for almost an hour.

Night flights for 'copters

MILITARY helicopters from the Lakenheath US Air Force base will begin night flying from Monday, April 19.

The HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopters, similar to the US Army's Black Hawk helicopters, are used in search and rescue operations.

A base spokesman said: "The night-flying training provides aircrews here the opportunity to fly and maintain proficiency using night-vision equipment and procedures, which they could not do during daytime hours."

The night-time operations will continue until late May. The base's F-15 jet fighters have also been engaged in night-time training operations.

Officer, 27, killed by freak tyre accident

AN AMERICAN Air Force officer died after a freak accident when a tyre exploded inside her sports car while she was on holiday in Scotland.

Captain Jenna Wilcox, 27, had returned from a tour of duty in Afghanistan shortly before taking the holiday with her husband in their BMW Z3 car.

It is believed that the couple had changed the wheel after noticing a bulge in the tyre and replaced it with the space saver spare wheel.

But they could not get the full-size wheel in the boot because it was full of luggage.

It is believed that the tyre exploded while Capt Wilcox, of the 100th Civil Engineer Squadron at the Mildenhall base, had it on her lap in the car.

She died of her injuries in Western General Hospital, Edinburgh, five days after the incident which happened in Dalkeith, Midlothian.

Her husband, Scott, who was serving with the civil

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engineering squadron at the Lakenheath base, suffered minor injuries.

Colonel Chad Manske, commander of Mildenhall's 100th Air Refuelling Wing, said: "We are deeply saddened by this tragedy."

"Jenna was a valued member of our team and her untimely death touches all the personnel at the surrounding bases."

"Our thoughts and prayers go out to her family, friends and co-workers during this difficult time."

A police spokesman said: "Inquiries are ongoing to establish the cause of the explosion, however this would appear to have been a tragic accident."

"A report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal in due course."

Capt Wilcox was from Glenwood in New York State. She had been based in the UK since September 2008.



Tragic accident: Captain Jenna Wilcox, above, and inset, in US air force uniform, who was based at Mildenhall.

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She and her husband had served in Afghanistan helping to rebuild bridges, schools and other structures. They returned last month.

She made an appeal via an on-line blog she wrote for pens, pencils and notebooks for schools in the area in which they were based.

Woman conned at cashpoint

A WOMAN was tricked by a cashpoint conman who stole her card and used it to withdraw hundreds of pounds from her account.

The woman, in her fifties, was distracted while she was using a cash machine outside Newmarket's Tesco store in Fordham Road at around 10.45am on Monday last week.

A man approached her and told her the machine was faulty and had retained her card. When she reported the incident to her bank it was discovered that the card had been used to make withdrawals.

The man was described as being in his early 30s, of slim build. He was wearing a "scruffy" jacket and blue jeans.

The incident happened six days after a similar theft in Newmarket High Street when a woman in her 70s was distracted by two men, said to be of Asian appearance, while she was using a bank's cash machine. They told her the machine was out of order and she later found that several hundred pounds had been withdrawn from her account.

Anyone with information about the most recent incident should contact Pc Paul Osmond at Newmarket Police on (01284) 774100 or Crime-stoppers on 0800 555111.



Visitors admire elegant gardens

GARDEN lovers flocked to Netherhall Manor in Soham at the weekend.

The grounds of the house were open to the public as part of the National Garden Society's Easter Open Garden weekend.

Described by the *Good Gardens Guide* as an "elegant garden touched with antiquity", it was the only garden in Cambridgeshire to feature in the scheme over the special weekend, which raises money for charity.

Among the delights tended by owner Timothy Clark were primroses, daffodils and Victorian double-flowered hyacinths, in full bloom for visitors to enjoy.

Left: owner at Netherhall Manor, Timothy Clark, with some Barrii Conspicuous daffodils.

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Take a look: visitors to Burwell Museum on Easter Sunday enjoy a tour of the site while children hunt for eggs.

Right: busy with their colourful tombola are Abigale Harris, 8 and Zara Harris, 6.

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Eggstra fun for first visitors of season

AN EASTER egg hunt for children marked the opening for the year of a village museum. Burwell Museum, run by volunteers, opened its doors for the first time this year on Easter Sunday.

The museum, started in 1982, remains closed during the winter months and is open Thursdays, Sundays and Bank Holiday afternoons from Easter to October.

Displays include old farming equipment, World War Two memorabilia and old vehicles,

including the last surviving Burwell and District bus.

The museum site also includes Stevens Mill which dates from the 1800s and is currently undergoing further restoration work.

An annual programme of open days includes a popular rhubarb festival run in memory of BBC Radio Cambridgeshire personality Dennis of Grunty Fen.

More details are available at the museum website www.burwellmuseum-uk



Lower speed limits proposed on roads crossed by horses

LOWER speed limits are being proposed to improve safety at horse crossings in Newmarket.

Jockey Club Estates has asked for lower limits for traffic at points where many of the more than 2,500 racehorses in training cross roads on daily journeys to and from the exercise gallops.

The town's busiest crossing at Bury Road next to The Severals is currently in a 40mph limit but a 30mph limit is being proposed for the crossing which was recently upgraded with a new extra-grip road surface and traffic islands.

Now Rod Sore, Suffolk County Council's safety engineering manager, is suggesting that a 30mph limit is extended along the length of Bury Road where many of the town's leading trainers have their stables.

In a letter to Newmarket Town Council, Mr Sore said it would be preferable for safety and enforcement if the whole length of the road was a 30mph limit.

An extended 30mph limit is under consideration for Moulton Road and a change from 40mph to 30mph is currently being processed by the county council to cover the horse



In our weekly column, reporter JOHN GOODE takes a look behind the racing scene to bring you news from in and around the stables.

crossing in Fordham Road at the junction of Snailwell Road.

In Cambridge Road new traffic islands are planned together with a 40mph limit extension.

But no changes are planned to the speed limit near the July racecourse and the stallion roundabout. Mr Sore said a Pegasus crossing with traffic lights was proposed. Currently there are flashing warning lights to alert drivers.

The proposals were being considered by town councillors at a community services committee meeting on Tuesday night.

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Car thieves target BMWs

TWO BMW cars were stolen in a period of just over 24 hours.

A grey BMW 525SE, registration GD04 VLY, was stolen from a car park in The Street, Freckenham, between 7.05pm and 9pm on Saturday.

A grey BMW 320D, registration RA04 EFN, was stolen from a driveway in Paddocks Drive, Newmarket, between 10pm on Sunday and 8.50am the following day.

Contact Pc Charlotte Milne at Newmarket police station on (01284) 774100 or Suffolk police's Crime Investigation Bureau on (01473) 613500.

Fun session for children

A FUN session for five to eight-year-olds is being held at historic Palace House, Newmarket, next week. An arts, crafts and games session will be held on Wednesday. Places, at £5.50 per child, can be booked at Forest Heath District Council's tourist information centre on (01638) 667200.

Training stable plans rejected by councillors

PLANS for new stables and a five-bedroom house in Newmarket have been rejected.

Members of Forest Heath District Council's planning committee turned down the latest application for permission to create a new racehorse training establishment at Kremlin Stud in Snailwell Road, Newmarket.

A similar scheme was refused last year and other proposals for houses were withdrawn.

The latest scheme was opposed by residents in nearby Malcolm Way who complained that it would increase traffic and was unjustified.

Jockey Club Estates said

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it supported "in principle" the development of a racehorse training establishment on the seven-acre site.

But the organisation said it could not support the application in its current form.

It argued that the proposal to build a large house with just nine stable boxes would not be a commercially viable stable yard.

The application, by Pagets Farm and Kremlin Stud, proposes two nine-box ranges of stables and an eight-box range.

The plans show the building of nine new stables and the

refurbishment of three existing stables in a first phase with future phases to include the nine and eight-stable ranges.

Christopher Ranson, who submitted the plans, explained that the intention was to use the establishment for horse breeding and the preparation of horses for training.

Other horses would be boarded at the stables when they were not in training at other yards.

Councillors were unconvinced that the scheme would be a racehorse training establishment and refused permission.

They also turned down separate plans for a four-bedroom staff cottage.

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Site will violate our quality of life

Sir, We are totally opposed to the plans for a materials recovery facility at the former railway station in Fordham (*Weekly News*, April 1). It will violate every resident's quality of life in Fordham and the surrounding villages.

The company which is proposing the scheme, PF Ahern of Essex, arranged for Dovetail, their architects, to give a presentation to five of the closest residents, us being one of them. The presentation was held in a closed meeting by invitation only. Dovetail couldn't answer most of the questions concerning recycling, working hours, sorts of waste, noise levels. They said there could be night working if they had a rush job, like clearing pop festival sites, and also that there could be composting on the site.

We were told the facility is an open building, with no sound proofing, and that the facility can only process one vehicle load at a time which goes into the building, unloads and turns around and exits. No facility would be in place for vehicles to queue on the site, which is a major cause for concern because if multiples of vehicles turn up at the same time it would only take two vehicles waiting and this would back up onto the roundabout which would block the bypass.

Dovetail were predicting 60 Ahern vehicles a day and there is no limit on independents which is a formula for heavy road congestion. Most residents of Fordham are opposed to the planned above development, on the grounds that the building is going to be enormous, and tower over the nearby homes, and the extra heavy duty traffic that this operation will generate.

The proposed material recovery facility will start business at 6am and finish at 6pm Monday to Friday and 6am until 2pm on Saturdays, but also in their planning application they quote noise levels for day and night working. Does this mean they intend to work at night?

This material recovery facility should be on a major industrial estate, well away from homes. This new site entrance/exit is directly opposite our front garden and entrance to our house. This is totally unacceptable and will ruin

MEMORIES



THIS week's photograph, from our archives, shows a group of villagers meeting someone.

Do you recognise any of the people, and could you say what year this picture was taken? What was the occasion?

We welcome your letters or emails.

Last week's picture, left,

shows guests at Newmarket Golf Club dinner. The photo was taken in November, 1965.

Send your recollections to: Memories, Newmarket Weekly News, 15 High Street, Newmarket, CB8 8XL, or email editorial@newmarketweeklynews.co.uk by Tuesday morning.

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our quality of life.

All the families close to this proposed site have come here to live in the countryside, bring up their children and enjoy a peaceful and quiet life and some even to enjoy retirement. If they wanted to relocate who would buy their property?

We know that this site already has a licence, but that was for a much smaller concern of about three acres. This is going to be a very much larger project – the building is almost two acres.

This proposed material recovery facility is too close to at least 11 families. It must be a breach of their human rights.

Robert Cawthorne
Sandra Dullage
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Why ignore this level of protest?

Sir, The public attending the planning committee meeting on Thursday,

March 25 were very impressed with the Independent (Andy Drummond/Warwick Hirst) and Liberal (Ian Radford/Timothy Huggan) councillors who detailed numerous flaws in the planning application submitted by Lord Derby. They also questioned why the officers were recommending deferring the decision, when the delay is outside the accepted time limits and practice of all other planning applications. Proposing to reject the application, these four councillors were joined by Marion Fairman-Smith who broke away from the Conservative flock to vote to reject the application.

Although Cllr Andrew Appleby (Liberal) spoke against the scheme he was not allowed to vote as he is not a member of the planning committee. It was disappointing that Jeffery Jaggard (All Saints' Ward), Conservative and leader of the council, failed to heed the objections to the scheme by Richard Spring, Conservative MP, Newmarket Town Council, 1,600 residents who signed a petition against the development, The Jockey Club and every other business

and association connected with the racing and breeding operations in this town.

To ignore that level of protest questions what causes the leader of the council and Conservative flock to support the proposal to defer the decision?

It is without doubt the recommendation by the officers of Forest Heath District Council that extends the opportunities to approve the scheme, when any other application with such shortcomings in accuracy and time schedule would have been rejected.

Name and address supplied

LETTERS POLICY

Letters should arrive by noon on the Monday before publication.

Full name and address must be supplied and details will be withheld only in exceptional circumstances. Letters should be no longer than 250 words and may be edited.

Top three volunteer opportunities up for grabs

THIS month I am highlighting the top three volunteer opportunities from the hundreds which we have registered.

At number one is the Newmarket SOS bus, which is now hoping to operate for two nights a week, owing to the amazing success it has had since starting in October last year. The bus has seen and helped more than 200 people, from first aid incidents to safe journeys home.

They would like to get enough volunteers to operate on a Saturday as well as a Friday evening. Volunteers are asked to help on a monthly basis and full



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training and support is given. You just need to be a friendly, approachable person who cares about the welfare of others.

At number two is the Women's

In this month's column, Jane Carter, from The Voluntary Network, lists her top three opportunities for helping the community

Royal Voluntary Service (WRVS) which is looking for somebody to volunteer, one day a week minimum, to act as co-ordinator for their shop at Newmarket

Hospital. They will oversee the day-to-day running including stock control, volunteer management, and so on. This is a very interesting role for the right person in a much used and needed facility and supported by a line manager. This role could be a brilliant return to work or CV builder.

At number three is Kidzone, a local group which runs a youth club for youngsters with challenging behaviour. It has a new project, Kidzone Active, starting on April 22 and really needs volunteers to help with this. It would involve a weekly/fortnightly session at

Newmarket Leisure Centre on a Thursday from 6pm until 7.30pm, helping the young people join in a variety of social and sporting activities.

All that's needed for this role is to be a patient, sociable person able to work as part of a team and as well as helping the youngsters, it also gives parents and carers a well earned break!

If you are interested in any of the above and would like to get involved in something to help others in your community please give me a call on 01638 608048 or email me on jane@thevoluntarynetwork.org. We would love to hear from you.

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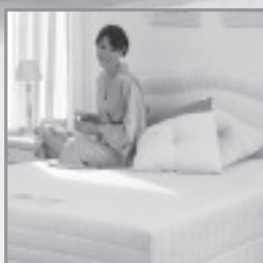
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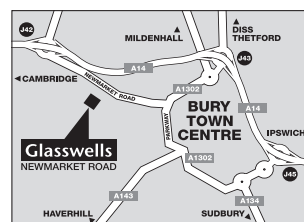
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Crackdown defended

CHIEF Constable Julie Spence has defended her force's targeting of motorists.

Cambridgeshire's lead officer spoke out after an eight-hour crackdown on the county's roads saw 10 arrests, 34 vehicles seized and 76 fines issued to drivers.

Speaking in her latest podcast, Mrs Spence, who will retire in September, defended the tactics saying it was a good way to catch criminals.

She said: "It never ceases to surprise me just how many offenders of various sorts are picked up in the days of action we conduct on the county's roads.

"Ten arrests, 34 vehicles seized and 76 fixed penalty notices issued – and all that in just eight hours.

"Operation Utah, as it was known, was the biggest of its kind ever held in Cambridgeshire, and involved more than 100 officers from this force with help from neighbouring forces in Bedfordshire, Suffolk, Essex and Norfolk and many other agencies.

"Of course, such operations invariably attract their critics.

"The sheer scale of them – the sight of so many officers and others by a roadside.

"I can understand why people might wonder whether we would be better off 'out catching criminals rather than persecuting drivers'.

"I've no doubt that you've heard such comments before. The fact is that we are catching criminals.

"Among the arrested alone were one wanted person, two going equipped to commit crime, one with an offensive weapon and one over the drink-drive limit.

"Of the 34 vehicles seized, 18 had no insurance and 16 were for other reasons such as no tax or for simply not being roadworthy."

Number of 'neets' falling

THE number of Cambridgeshire teenagers who are not in education, employment or training has dropped.

Latest figures show there are currently 826 "neets" aged between 16 and 18 in the county, equivalent to 5.2 per cent of the total in that age group.

This time last year the figure was 896, or 5.8 per cent.

The drop has been partly attributed to the work of the Connexions youth service, which encourages teenagers to stay in learning and improve job prospects.



Helping hand: John Coadwell, from Newmarket Lions, presents the cheque to printer Mark Goodhew.

Picture: Keith Jones 638293

Community print centre wins cash support

A COMMUNITY print centre has been boosted by a £500 donation.

Newmarket and District Lions Club gave the cash to Burwell Print Centre which provides work experience and training for people with learning disabilities.

The money will go towards buying a new folding machine.

The centre, on the Village College site, has got a machine on loan but is hoping to raise enough to buy one of the £1,800 machines.

Sue Anderson, the centre manager, said: "It's an essential piece of equipment for a modern printing business.

"We produce two and three-fold leaflets and as we are a social training enterprise it gives

us an additional piece of equipment for people to get experience of using.

"We're delighted and very grateful for the kind donation from the Lions. But we would like to hear from any organisation or individual who would like to contribute to help us buy the machine."

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New boss set for police authority

A NEW chairman will be elected to Suffolk Police Authority later this month.

Gulshan Kayembe, who has chaired the authority since June 2005, will remain an independent member of the body until March next year.

Mrs Kayembe moved to Suffolk from London in 1997 and joined the authority in 1999. She was re-appointed in 2003 and again in 2007.

She said: "I have thoroughly enjoyed my role as chair, but having served for close to five years, I think it is time for someone else to take over leadership of the policing challenges ahead.

"I have seen a great deal of change during my term,

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particularly in relation to collaborative working with partners, which I see as essential in providing a rounded service to the public and meeting challenging efficiency targets.

"The role of authority has increased enormously in the last five years.

"The authority works to ensure an efficient and effective police service, and is critical to ensuring communities receive the best possible level of policing.

"I hope that public awareness of the authority will continue to grow and that more people will become involved in



Time for change: Gulshan Kayembe.

determining how our county is policed."

Suffolk's Chief Constable Simon Ash said: "Gulshan

Kayembe has been a high profile leader of the police authority, always acting positively as a 'critical friend' to the constabulary.

"She has sought to understand the needs of the diverse communities in the county and ensure these are reflected in the service provided.

"A champion for respect and fair treatment, she cares passionately about the quality of service provided to the people of Suffolk.

"At a personal level I am very grateful for the support she has given me as Chief Constable."

The new chairman will be elected at the annual meeting of the authority on Friday, April 23.

Anti-social behaviour standards policy given backing

POLICE and councils in Suffolk have set minimum standards for dealing with anti-social behaviour.

The community safety partnerships in the county, which include councils, the fire service, health service and youth offending teams have all supported the standards.

Temporary Assistant Chief Constable

Stewart Gull said: "Tackling anti-social behaviour is a key priority for the constabulary. Along with our partners, we are committed to tackling this type of crime, which can cause upset and anxiety to our communities.

"These standards set the framework for providing the best service possible to victims and witnesses, and for working in

partnership to create safer communities. We want the public to have confidence in the service they receive from their local police, their local council and our partners, and we hope that these standards will work towards achieving this aim."

The minimum standards can be viewed online at www.suffolk.police.uk

MP hits out over BBC allegations

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AN MP has hit back over allegations he put questions to Parliament after he went on a trip abroad funded by a foreign government.

Richard Spring, who represents West Suffolk, said he was furious about the allegations – despite admitting “technically” breaching parliamentary rules over a trip to Mauritius.

The Conservative was one of 21 MPs, named in an investigation by the BBC, but claims he has been lumped in with “bad boy” politicians.

It follows a visit by Mr Spring to the country, in July 2009, paid for in part by the speaker of the national assembly of Mauritius.

The MP asked three parliamentary questions earlier this year that related to Mauritius. No interest appears to have been declared, the BBC reported.

But the MP criticised the re-



Angry: Richard Spring.

port as “ridiculous” and vented his fury at BBC producers.

He said: “It is so ridiculous. The BBC has lumped me together with MPs who have done really bad things. I have been on the phone to them absolutely furious and they have changed the story on their website.

“I went to Mauritius about the

Chagos Islands, which are British, but the Mauritians want it to be part of their country.

“A few months later a debate about Mauritius came up in Parliament and I tabled three questions.

“Before you had to register an interest every three months, but the month I went on the trip it changed to a year.

“So I have technically breached the rules but I am absolutely furious. I am no angel but to be woken up at 7am by the BBC over this trivial matter is ridiculous.”

Mr Spring, who is not standing for re-election at this year's general election, was one of 21 MPs – from all the major parties – that the report claims breached parliamentary regulations on more than 400 occasions.

Some of the other MPs have also dismissed the breaches as technical errors or oversights.

The strict rules on overseas visits are to ensure that nobody can accuse MPs of accepting hospitality in return for political favours.

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Is the growth trend going to continue?

THERE is understandable scepticism whenever commentators herald the "green shoots of recovery" in relation to the current economic downturn.

But if house prices are anything to go by, there has been a marked upturn in the property market in the past 12 months, according to the latest quarterly house price index report from the Nationwide.

The first quarter of 2010 saw prices rise almost everywhere across the UK and the average change from the previous quarter was an increase of 1.6 per cent.

The market rose more sharply in East Anglia – defined as Cambridgeshire, Peterborough,

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Suffolk and Norfolk in the report – where the quarterly increase was 1.9 per cent.

That put the average value of a house at £162,041 for the region, an increase of 12.5 per cent compared with the first quarter of 2009.

Martin Gahbauer, Nationwide's chief economist, said: "The first quarter of 2010 saw continued house price growth across most UK regions and all regions saw an improvement in their annual rate of change."

"For the UK as a whole, prices rose by 1.6 per cent in the quarter, leading to an increase in annual

growth rate from 3.4 per cent in the final quarter of 2009 to 8.8 per cent.

"Over the past five years, house prices in London have risen by 20 per cent while those in the rest of the UK have risen by just 5 per cent on average."

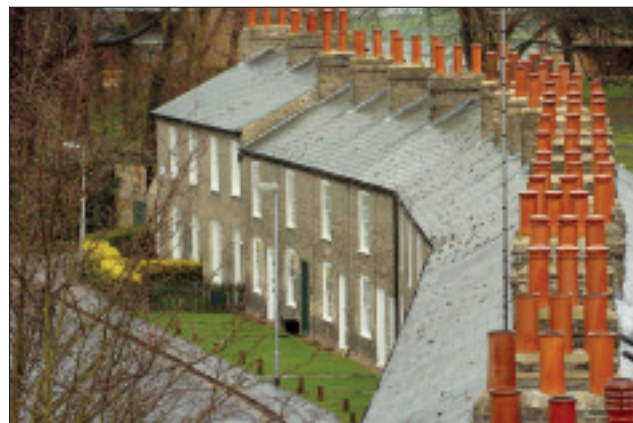
A further breakdown of the figures for Nationwide-defined East Anglia region showed house prices in Cambridgeshire, excluding Peterborough, rose by 9 per cent in the first quarter of 2010 compared to the equivalent quarter in 2009.

The average price of a house in the county now stands at £194,263. And while prices may have fallen in 2008 and 2009, that price represents an increase of 96 per cent on the price 10 years ago.

John Pocock, managing director of Pocock and Shaw, which has offices in Cambridge, Newmarket and Ely, said the Nationwide's 9 per cent annual increase for Cambridgeshire was a fair reflection of all segments of the property market during the past 12 months.

He said: "That 9 per cent increase has been right across the board and there have been greater increases in the city centre houses than in other areas."

"The increase is down to one thing only. That one thing is the



dramatic shortage of property on the market and that has been the case for the past year.

"There is still an acute shortage and prices will rise as long as that shortage remains – and that shortage is right across the board."

"I can't see anything but a continuation of the current trends in the next quarter."

He said the increase in the stamp duty threshold to £250,000 for first-time buyers, announced in the Budget, would make "very little difference" to the market.

Simon Gardner, managing director of Tucker Gardner, agreed broadly with the 9 per cent annual increase.

He said: "We've seen a bounce and the city seems to be quite a hot spot at the moment."

"When times were really tough, we were in the doldrums and it was hard to get people to part with money. But we are now at the levels of a couple of years ago, prior to the

downturn. Over the last month, we have seen more properties coming on the market but they get taken up very quickly."

He said the general election may lead some people to wait and see who takes power before deciding on a property market move.

In contrast to Cambridgeshire, house prices in Peterborough dropped 3 per cent in the last quarter and are now 3 per cent lower than this time last year, with an average property priced at £144,790.

House prices in Suffolk are up 8 per cent year-on-year and the average stands at £175,558. For Hertfordshire, the yearly increase is 9 per cent and the average house now costs £252,229. And for North Essex, an 8 per cent annual increase puts the average price up to £199,096.

The average house price for the UK is now £162,887, 8.8 per cent higher than it was in the first quarter of 2009.

Area	Average price	% change over 10 years	Annual % change last quarter	Annual % change this quarter
Cambridgeshire	£194,263	96%	1%	9%
Peterborough	£144,790	105%	-3%	-3%
Suffolk	£175,558	109%	3%	8%
Hertfordshire	£252,229	93%	1%	9%
North Essex	£199,096	105%	0%	8%

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'I learned I was pregnant and that I had cancer'



Best friends: Claire Billing with daughter Sophie, 3.

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WATCHING her adorable three-year-old daughter whizzing around the kitchen – on a bright pink and clearly much-loved scooter – Claire Billing can't help but smile.

"She has her moments, believe me," laughs Claire. "But she's wonderful: she's my best friend. We went through a lot to have her – and I'd go through it all again tomorrow if I had to."

While Claire was pregnant with Sophie, doctors discovered a growth on her right ovary. To begin with, they thought it was simply a cyst. But tests revealed it was, in fact, ovarian cancer.

Soon after Sophie was born – by C section at 37 weeks – Claire had to have an emergency hysterectomy and start chemo, which left her tired, weak and needing blood transfusions. All in all, it was a hellish time.

But Claire says that, through it all, little Sophie was like a ray of sunshine for her and husband Matthew. "I was always very focussed on her," adds Claire, "and I

Mum Claire Billing, who was diagnosed with ovarian cancer while expecting, urges women with concerns to get checked out. Interview by ALICE RYAN

knew, somewhere deep down, that it was all going to be okay; it had to be okay."

Standing in the kitchen of her Papworth home, making a cup of tea, the 34-year-old says her illness now feels a lifetime away. But it's also something she can never forget.

Spurred on by her experiences, Claire is now acting as an ambassador for The Eve Appeal. A national charity, which funds research into gynaecological cancers, it has just launched an appeal: called Make Time for Tea, it is designed to raise both cash and awareness.

"The idea of Make Time for Tea is that women will hold tea parties and ask the friends they invite to buy cakes in aid of the appeal," says Claire. "But it's not just about raising money: it's about raising awareness too."

"There's a reason why they call ovarian cancer

a silent killer – the symptoms can be quite hard to detect. The idea is that women will have a chat over their cup of tea and, if they're worried, get any symptoms checked out: the earlier the diagnosis, the better."

Ovarian cancer is the fourth most common cause of cancer death in women in the UK, but survival rates are higher the earlier the cancer is diagnosed.

Evidence shows that any of the following three symptoms – if they are new, occur on most days and won't go away – can suggest ovarian cancer: persistent pelvic and abdominal pain; increased abdominal size or persistent bloating (not bloating that comes and goes); difficulty eating and feeling full quickly.

Claire's own symptoms only surfaced when, aged 30, she fell pregnant with Sophie. After they married, she and Matthew agreed

they'd like to start a family sooner rather than later.

Initially, all was well. But then, after just a few weeks, Claire started suffering abdominal pain. At first she blamed IBS, which she'd had on and off for years. She went back and forth to the doctor, but still the pains kept coming.

"Things came to a head in, of all places, Ikea," remembers Claire, who works for Addenbrooke's Charitable Trust in Cambridge. "We'd taken the day off to go there but, as we were walking round, I started to feel worse and worse: I was pale and sweaty and in quite a lot of pain. Instantly I thought I was going to have a miscarriage."

"I said to Matthew 'That's it: we've got to go home and see the GP straight away'. He said 'You don't know how you're supposed to be feeling, you're always thinking the worst', but

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we came home and the GP was great, fitted us in immediately.

"The doctor said he could feel something abnormal on my right side; the first thing I thought was 'ectopic pregnancy'. He sent us to the early pregnancy unit at the hospital then and there . . .

Given an ultrasound on arrival, it was clear there was nothing wrong with the pregnancy at all. "That was my main concern," admits Claire, "nothing else seemed to matter."

But the scan also showed up cysts on Claire's ovaries; on her right side was a large 'chocolate cyst' (meaning it was full of blood). The news was, Claire says, a shock. Yet, as long as the cyst wasn't going to compromise her pregnancy, that was, remembers Claire, "the most important thing".

Doctors agreed to do nothing more than monitor the cyst's growth; if it became too large it could, explains Claire, encroach on her womb.

"I remember vividly, at about 10 weeks, getting a call to say I had to go to Hinchbrook immediately," she continues. "They said the cyst had grown by about a third every time it was scanned, and had reached the size of a grapefruit."

At 15 weeks, consultants said the cyst had to be drained.

Concerned it could be something more sinister – ovarian cancer – they also wanted to remove Claire's ovary for testing but, knowing it would be a far more invasive procedure, she was reluctant.

"I was terrified about it damaging the baby," she explains. "When I had the anaesthetic I cried . . . And as soon as I came round I asked for an ultrasound: I had to be sure my baby was still okay."

Tests on the drained fluid were inconclusive, but further blood tests were, says Claire, "waving red flags at the doctors". With no history of cancer in her family, and most ovarian cancer patients presenting in middle age, Claire remained convinced all was well. "I

always tried to be very positive," she explains.

Then, at 26 weeks, more blood tests revealed bad news: now being treated at Addenbrooke's, Claire was again called in – and told the ovary would have to be removed. "I hadn't really cried much up to that point, but then I did have a good old sob," she remembers.

"I knew that if the results were bad that my fertility would, at best, be seriously compromised. There was no way I was going to risk losing our baby."

Following a meeting with a neonatal specialist, to find out what little Sophie's chances would be if delivered so early, Claire and Matthew decided that surgeons would have to wait; in the end, Sophie was born, by Caesarean, at 37 weeks.

"I said they could do what they wanted once she was safely out," adds Claire. "I was awake for the whole thing, the C section and the

“ I think I thought I was invincible, but then I had chemo

operation, because I didn't see why I should have to miss out on cuddling my baby and be whisked away the minute she was born.

"But the team at the hospital were brilliant. Sophie came out hollering and they gave her to me to hold: I cuddled her throughout the rest of the surgery."

Sophie was born on December 21, 2006, and her proud parents were able to take her home three days later, to enjoy their first Christmas as a family. "To be honest, everything else just went to the back of my mind," says Claire. "Having a newborn is all-consuming . . ."

But then, two weeks later, the call came – confirming that Claire had cancer. "I thought that, even if I had cancer, it would be really early stages and contained," she says. "But it turned out to be stage 1C, which meant I needed a

hysterectomy and chemo. That freaked me out: I have to admit I had a 10-minute wobbler."

When Sophie was just six weeks old, Claire went in for her surgery. Having recovered well from her C section, she also bounced back from the hysterectomy. "I think I thought I was invincible," she says, "but then I had chemo."

Prescribed five cycles, starting in the March and ending in September, Claire admits she was "terrified" of losing her long hair. "I didn't want people looking at us and seeing a sick person pushing a pram; I wanted them to look at us and think 'What a beautiful baby'," she explains.

Thankfully, although it thinned, Claire didn't lose her hair. But the chemo left her feeling totally exhausted and physically incredibly weak: she needed blood transfusions.

"I used to get so tired and so cold, I always needed hot water bottles. I can remember lying Sophie on the floor on her play mat and just lying there next to her, not really having the energy to move..."

Put on HRT, Claire says she began to feel better towards the autumn; by the December, when her maternity leave finished and she returned to work, life finally began to return to normal. Given regular check-ups – she's just had her three-year check – Claire is focussed on getting the final 'all clear' at the five-year mark, in two years time.

"I would encourage any woman who's got concerns to get themselves checked out," she adds. "And I'd also encourage them to Make Time for Tea in aid of The Eve Appeal."

"I sometimes wonder what would have happened if I hadn't had Sophie: would my symptoms only have materialised in 20 years time? And, if so, would it have been too late?"

Claire admits she is saddened at the thought Sophie will never have a sibling.

"She would be such a lovely big sister," adds Claire. "But she's so wonderful: as I said, I would go through it all again just to have her."

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Relocation to district ruled out by Marshall

MARSHALL will not be moving any of its businesses to bases outside Cambridge, which had included sites in the Mildenhall and Newmarket areas, the company has announced.

It had previously said it was willing to relocate some of its aerospace activities to make way for thousands of houses – but only if a suitable alternative site could be found.

RAF Mildenhall, Waterbeach Barracks and RAF Wyton were considered as the final alternatives but Marshall concluded there are “no suitable relocation options in the immediate future”.

Sir Michael Marshall, chairman of the Marshall Group, said: “This has been an exhaustive and expensive review process but we needed to be certain any potential relocation would not adversely

BY JOHN DOWNING

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affect the business, our customers or our employees.

“That review has been completed and it is clear that relocation is not a feasible option at this time, but we do not rule out the possibility that circumstances may change again in the future, in which case we would be prepared to reconsider it.

“We have worked closely with a number of bodies and organisations and we are especially grateful to our various local authorities as well as Defence Estates, GO-East and Cambridgeshire Horizons for their help and support throughout.”

Marshall had examined many sites, including former airfields at Bottisham, West Wrating and Newmarket Heath.

It also considered a

move to Duxford and greenfield sites.

More recently, options were narrowed down to Mildenhall, Waterbeach and Wyton.

After the Government decision that Mildenhall could not be made available, Marshall finally ruled out the last two sites.

Sir Michael said the company, started by his grandfather, had close links with the city.

He said: “We were greatly heartened by the overwhelming local support the company received during our centennial year in 2009, which highlighted the two-way benefits that come from our business being located in this dynamic and thriving community.”

Marshall’s announcement came a day after it revealed plans to axe up to 99 jobs in its aerospace division, following the conclusion of major Ministry of Defence contracts.



No move at present: chairman Sir Michael Marshall.

Handbag stolen

A HANDBAG, purse and bank cards were stolen from a parked car in Moulton. The white Volkswagen Golf was parked in School Road between 2.57pm and 3.50pm on Wednesday last week when a thief broke in and took the bag from the front seat.

Police have warned motorists to avoid leaving valuable items in parked vehicles. Call Sgt Mark Shipton at Newmarket Safer Neighbourhood Team on (01284) 774100 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

Funky night for club

DULLINGHAM Flower Club’s meeting tonight will feature a demonstration called Funky Flowers by Louise Bacon.

The meeting, at the village’s Taylor Hall, will start at 8pm. Admission is £3 for members and £4 for non-members. Call Lesley Bird on (01638) 507658 for details.

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Folk music stars line up for festival

KRIS Kristofferson and Natalie Merchant will head the line-up for the Cambridge Folk Festival.

Tickets for Cambridge residents are expected to go on sale on May 9 with national booking opening on May 16.

BY RAYMOND BROWN

The line-up will also include Seasick Steve, Seth Lakeman, The Imagined Village, Sharon Shannon, The Unthanks and the Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain.

US songwriter, actor and Grammy Award winning country music legend Kris Kristofferson will play his only outdoor UK festival at Cherry Hinton Hall.

And there will be an exclusive UK summer festival performance from Natalie Merchant, one of America's most respected singer-songwriters.

She is known for her solo work and as lead vocalist and lyricist with 10,000 Maniacs.

Californian hobo, the oldest Brit award nominee in history, Seasick Steve, who became an overnight success in his 60s for his unique take on blues, roots and country music, will also perform.

Multi-cultural collective The Imagined Village, with interpretations of English traditional compositions, will play.

The Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain will perform unique, fun reworkings of rock 'n' roll, punk, jazz and classical music.

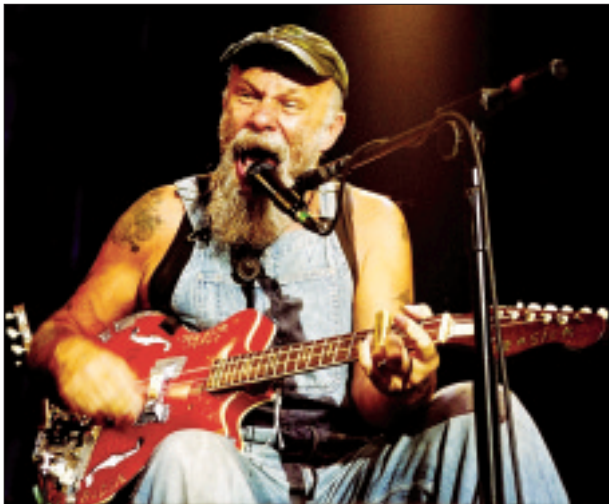
Organisers hailed the bill as "eclectic and exciting" and warned that tickets are set to sell out quickly.

The line-up also includes rockabilly singer Imelda May, songwriter and guitarist Rokia Traoré, acoustic duo Show Of Hands, and folk big-band The Unusual Suspects.

Special appearances continue with North Carolina-based trio the Carolina Chocolate Drops, Serbian brass ensemble Boban & Marko Markovic Orchestra and Gretchen Peters. Eagerly anticipated performances include shanty singers Port Isaac's Fisherman's Friends and the Quebec Sisters Band.

The Co-operative Cambridge Folk Festival is promoted by Cambridge City Council Arts and Entertainment and takes place from July 29 to August 1.

For details of the full line-up and to book tickets visit www.cambridgefolkfestival.co.uk



Legends: among the stellar line-up at this year's festival will be Kris Kristofferson, below, Seasick Steve, left, The Unthanks, above, and Seth Lakeman, far left.



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Spotlight on the code breaker

THEATRE-GOERS have the chance to see a play about the life and work of a national hero whose personal lifestyle led to public humiliation and personal unhappiness.

Breaking the Code, by Hugh Whitmore, is based on the book *Alan Turing, The Enigma* about the Bletchley Park wartime Enigma hero.

Arguably the founder of computer science, original thinker and mathematical genius, Turing developed a decoding machine that enabled Britain to crack the secret wartime codes of the German Enigma system. His work, and that of his colleagues, saved hundreds of thousands of lives and helped prevent Nazi domination of half the globe. Turing was publicly feted by Prime Minister Winston Churchill and awarded the OBE after the Second World War.

Turing knew Cambridge well. He was a graduate of Kings College in 1931 and made a Fellow in 1935. The college has its own commemorative archive. Much in the news last year, Bletchley Park Trust was awarded Heritage Lottery funding that should secure the future of this national museum. A statue of Alan Turing was unveiled there in 2007.

In September 2009 the Prime Minister was persuaded to issue a posthumous public apology to Turing. Had Turing lived now there would have been no persecution and his life's work would not have been cut short.

This compelling, powerful and poignant play, directed by Pat Hamilton, focuses on Turing the man. Supported by an experienced and talented cast, the role of Turing will be played by James Dowson.

The Combined Actors production at the ADC Theatre in Cambridge runs from Tuesday, April 13 until Saturday April 17. Tickets priced £9 / £7 can be booked online at www.adctheatre.com or phone (01223) 300 085.

Command, control and tragedy under the sea

AFTER a triumphant run at the Young Vic in London and in Edinburgh last year, The Junction in Cambridge will play host to *Kursk* later this month as it goes out on national tour this spring.

Nominated for a Whatsonstage Award for Best Off West End Production and an Evening Standard Award for Best Design in 2009, *Kursk* is a powerfully immersive theatrical experience inspired by the Russian submarine disaster of August 2000.

Pioneering theatre company Sound&Fury and playwright Bryony Lavery recreate the life of submariners, deep below the icy seas on the fraying front line of the Cold War.

In consultation with former submariners and naval psychologists, Sound&Fury have created an environment of submarine warfare, transporting the audience to a confined underwater world of command and control, secrecy and codes, fear and camaraderie.

The *Guardian* described it as "a descent into an unfamiliar world, fusing ethical dilemmas and environmental excitement to create something wholly original".

The cast includes Ian Ashpitel, Keir Charles, Tom Espiner, Laurence Mitchell and Jonah Russell. Ian Ashpitel, Tom Espiner and Laurence Mitchell also appeared in the 2009 production.

Lavery's plays include *Frozen* (winner of the TMA Best New Play



Under the waves: *Kursk* comes to The Junction later this month. CP

Award and nominated for four Tonys), *Stockholm* (winner of the 2008 Whiting Award) and the radio play *No Joan of Arc* (nominated for a Sony Award). Her recent projects include *A Christmas Carol* (Birmingham Rep), *Wicked Lady* (New Vic) and a revival of her play *The Origin of the Species* (Arcola).

Besides co-directing work with Sound&Fury, Mark Espiner has worked on theatre projects with David Glass, Tom Morris (*Disembodied*) and Mark Anstee (*Names of the Dead*). He also works as a freelance journalist for various publications including the

Financial Times.

Fellow director Dan Jones wrote the score for Academy Award-nominated feature film *Shadow of the Vampire* and won the Ivor Novello Award Best Film Score for *Max*. His music and sound design credits include *A Prayer for My Daughter*, Tim Crouch's multi-award-winning *England* and Zinnie Harris' *Fall*.

Tom Espiner's acting credits include *Peggy For You* (Hampstead & West End), *The Firework-Maker's Daughter* (Told by an Idiot), *Twelfth Night*, *Anything Goes* and Bryony Lavery's *Yikes!*



■ *Kursk*, The Junction, Cambridge, Wednesday, April 21 to Saturday April 24, nightly at 8pm with a 2.30pm matinee on the Saturday. Tickets: £12 / £6 con (Sat matinee £10 / £5 con). Phone (01223) 511 511 or go to www.junction.co.uk

Dancers step out for show

BALLET Black makes a triumphant return to Cambridge Arts Theatre this weekend

Ballet Black is a neo-classical ballet company with nine critically-acclaimed sell-out seasons to its credit. Inspirational and innovative, it strives to honour the traditions of classical ballet while breaking new ground with cutting edge choreography and is the perfect showcase for dancers of black and Asian descent.

Ballet Black was recently nominated for two Critics' Circle National Dance Awards for Outstanding Company and Best Classical Female for dancer Sarah Kundi. They went on to win the award for Outstanding Company.

Their latest show features new work from choreographers including Robert Hylton, Christopher Hampson and Henri Oguike.

Ballet Black promises to deliver a truly delightful evening of classical ballet mixed with highly inventive sequences from some of the best choreographers around. If you haven't seen this company yet, then you're missing a treat.

Ballet Black takes to the stage tomorrow and Saturday at 7.45pm. Tickets are £10 / £15 / £20 and subject to a £2 booking fee

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The big film

CLASH OF THE TITANS (12A, 106 mins) Action. Sam Worthington, Gemma Arterton, Mads Mikkelsen, Liam Neeson, Ralph Fiennes, Alexa Davalos, Liam Cunningham, Vincent Regan, Polly Walker, Pete Postlethwaite. Director: Louis Leterrier.

DIRECTOR Louis Leterrier updates the 1981 swords and sandals epic based on Greek mythology, made famous by Ray Harryhausen's stop-motion creatures.

With all of the new-fangled technology at his disposal, Leterrier bombards the screen with computer-generated giant scorpions, flying demons, a slithering Medusa and a gargantuan Kraken. However, all of that slick digital trickery cannot replace the personality or the wonder of Harryhausen's painstakingly-crafted models.

The title may be the same but this *Clash Of The Titans* lacks excitement and soul, and the climactic battle with the hellish sea monster is a huge anticlimax.

Sam Worthington, last seen as the paraplegic hero in *Avatar*, perfects a macho scowl as mankind's reluctant saviour but there is scant indication of the grief that drives his character. A romantic subplot with Gemma Arterton's spiritual guide is so slow burning it barely catches fire and the script doesn't generate a sense of dramatic urgency despite the imminent threat to the city of Argos. As a baby, Perseus (Worthington) is rescued from the sea by fisherman Spyros (Postlethwaite) and his family,



unaware that he is actually the demi-god son of Zeus (Neeson). Hades (Fiennes), the god of the underworld who intends to usurp Zeus on Mount Olympus, causes the death of Perseus's new family and the grief-stricken young man vows revenge. He gets his chance when Hades curses Argos and its rulers, Kepheus (Regan) and Cassiopeia (Walker), and threatens to unleash the Kraken upon

the city unless they sacrifice beautiful daughter Andromeda (Davalos) to the behemoth. If Perseus can slay the Kraken, Hades will be weakened enough for him to strike a fatal blow. However, to defeat such a powerful foe, Perseus must seek counsel with the Stygian witches, accompanied by Argon warrior Draco (Mikkelsen) and his men. *Clash Of The Titans* is a series of

mediocre action sequences, glued together by scenes on Olympus between Zeus and a conniving Hades. Unusually, the 3D adds nothing to the visceral experience.

Considering the premium levied on 3D tickets, you are advised to save the pounds for the concessions stand and watch the 2D version instead.

You'll be equally disappointed.

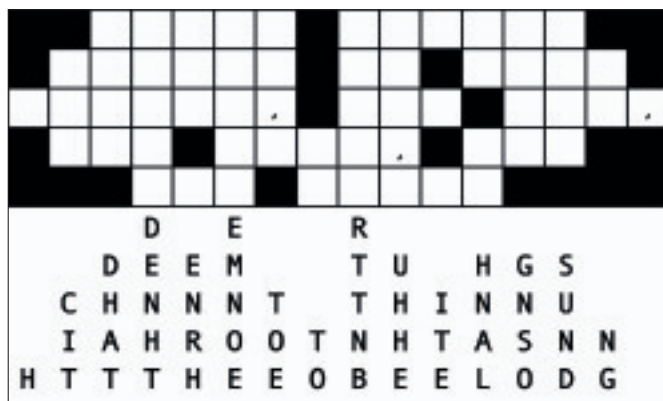
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Lost letters 8

In each of these puzzles a famous or popular quotation fills the grid. The individual letters remain in their correct column, but have fallen out and are out of order. Reinsert them in the correct order to find the answer. Any punctuation is given in its own square.

This quotation is by Buddha.

■ Last week's solution: **The music business has let me touch a lot of people with my talent**

Four Ws

1. WHO...directed the film *A Clockwork Orange*?
- WHAT...is the nationality of the men's tennis player Michael Llodra?
- WHERE...in England are Ippelen and Marldon?
- WHEN...did the painter Pablo Picasso die?
2. WHO...wrote the novels *The*

First Horseman and Trance State?

- WHAT...is the capital of Jamaica?
- WHERE...is the Bloc Quebecois a federal political party?
- WHEN...was the dictator Benito Mussolini shot and killed?
3. WHO...was the first Hanoverian king of Great Britain?
- WHAT...would you do with a

- bombardon – eat it, play it or travel in it?
- WHERE...in Europe would you spend a kuna?
- WHEN...was the Battle of the Boyne?
- Answers: 1. Stanley Kubrick; French; Devon; 1973. 2. John Case; Kingston; Canada; 1945. 3. George I; Play it – it's a brass instrument; Croatia; 1690.

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Sudoku 95:

Place a number from 1 to 9 in each empty cell so that each 3x3 block, column, and full row includes each of the numbers from 1 to 9 only once.

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■ Last week's solution.

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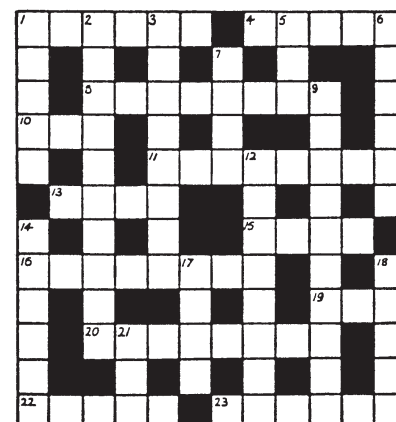
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Across

1. Ready to explode, the priggish newspaperman. (6)
4. See how deep the fruit tree bends at first. (5)
8. Left a section in the act. (8)
10. Some fine muscles the big bird has. (3)
11. Organised, so telephoned during risky dare. (8)
13. Quietly, though leaderless and confused, finds needle-case. (4)
15. Opera heroine needs first-class attorney. (4)
16. Gets help? That's denied. (8)
19. The present has lack of direction. (3)
20. Person following the tracks helps umpire. (8)
22. Festival doesn't start with a flower. (5)
23. Socialist originally was concerned, then frightened. (6)

Down

1. Longs for some trees. (5)
2. Passing Indian river, hearing of manufacture. (10)
3. Gives the reason for



- the former flat lands. (8)
5. Sheltered side in general. (3)
6. Not always wide waterways to sail on. (6)
7. Brother Rabbit, as called by railway with hesitation. (4)
9. Pet food can turn out a terrible mess. (4,6)
12. A rotter destroyed mice in a scholarly manner. (8)
14. Girl holds information for things to do. (6)
17. Tree needs the best

- service, right? (4)
18. Doze endlessly on way up for weapon. (5)
21. One found church to decorate. (3)

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Forget deterrents – get a fence up to keep out deer

They may look cute and cuddly, but muntjac deer are the bane of many gardeners' lives, mine included.

Over the years in my garden the natives of southeast Asia have stripped rose bushes of buds, chewed their way through shrubs and perennials and made divots in my lawn with their hooves.

A new Government survey asking people to record sightings of foreign invaders, including the muntjac, in a bid to control their population may have come too late for many gardeners with already-ruined plots.

The Royal Horticultural Society now receives almost as many inquiries about deer as it does about rabbits, another prime garden pest, and while there are a number of deterrents on the market, the only one guaranteed to work long term is a 6ft fence around your garden.

Only red and roe deer are native – there are also fallow, sika, muntjac and Chinese water deer. However, fallow, roe and muntjac deer are the species most likely to



by Hannah Stephenson

be encountered across the UK.

Both muntjac and roe are territorial and their numbers have spread in urban gardens due to a reduction in their own natural habitat and the steady rise in their population.

David Kenyon, of the British Deer Society, says: "The problem with muntjac is that they are fairly indiscriminate as to what they will eat in your garden."

"They will go for anything, while roe deer are browsers who will eat your roses first and then work down the chain. They are more selective."

Muntjac may be the smallest deer in the UK, but they can do a lot of damage.

"If you see one-inch slots (hoof marks) in the lawn, a deer may have been there digging up the lawn to get to the more nutritious roots underneath," Kenyon adds.

No-one knows exactly how many deer there are in the UK but the Deer Society estimates it could be around 1.5 million.

They will gobble up rare orchids and do untold damage to new shoots in woodland, destroying both young trees and beautiful forest flowers such as bluebells.

Males (bucks) will rub the bark from the main stem and leave it hanging in tatters.

If shoots and stems are bitten through, leaving a clean mark on one side and a ragged edge on the other – a result of their lack of incisors on the upper jaw – it's likely to be deer.

There are no plants that muntjac won't touch, although there are some they like least, says Kenyon.

They're not so keen on camellia, cistus, hellebore, hosta, hydrangea, lavender, poppies and sedum, while they do like geraniums, sweet Williams, clematis and, of course, roses. But if they're starving they'll eat anything.

If you want to preserve the

balance of nature, you could grow alternative food for the deer, allowing an area at the end of your garden to be devoted to brambles, rowan, dandelion, campion and yarrow.

Hopefully the deer will prefer these to your favourite roses.

Damage is most common on new, succulent spring growth or in winter when other food sources are scarce.

There are a number of deterrents on the market. You could try scare tactics by having a motion detector attached to a sprinkler or by planting strong-smelling plants. But these options have only limited success rates.

"There are lots of so-called deterrents such as human hair, lion dung and gentlemen's urine, which may work for a day but not for much longer.

"Scarecrows only work short-term because the deer become used to them," says Kenyon.

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SATURDAY

BBC1	BBC2	ITV	CHANNEL 4	five
6.00 Breakfast.	6.00 CBeebies: Fimbles.	6.00 GMTV.	6.10 The Hoobs.	6.00 Sunrise.
9.55 Saturday Kitchen.	6.20 Me Too!	9.25 The Planet's Funniest Animals.	7.00 World Sport.	7.00 Milkshake!: Elmo's World.
11.30 Great British Menu. The successful chefs who qualified from the Scottish heats cook their entire menus for judges Prue Leith, Matthew Fort and Oliver Peyton.	6.40 Clifford's Puppy Days.	9.55 The Crocodile Hunter Diaries. An emu runs wild on the highway.	7.30 Road to the 2010 FIFA World Cup.	7.15 The WotWots.
12.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.	7.00 CBBC: Dennis and Gnasher.	10.25 The Lakes. Thomas Noblett tries to swim across Windermere.	8.00 The Morning Line.	7.30 Little Lodgers.
12.15 Football Focus. Dan Walker and Mark Lawrenson review the week's action.	7.15 Dennis and Gnasher.	10.55 Dickinson's Real Deal. From Stockport, Greater Manchester.	8.55 T4: Friends.	7.35 Noddy in Toyland.
1.00 The Grand National. Clare Balding is at Aintree to introduce live coverage of the 163rd staging of the world's most famous steeplechase.	7.25 Sportsround.	11.55 News and Weather.	9.30 T4: Friends.	7.55 Milkshake! Music Box.
5.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.	7.40 Wolverine and the X-Men.	12.00 T4: Cemetery Junction: T4 Movie Special.	10.00 T4: 90210.	8.00 Hana's Helpline.
5.15 All New Total Wipeout.	8.00 Deadly 60.	12.30 T4: Koko Pop.	11.00 T4: Glee.	8.15 Mist: Sheepdog Tales.
6.15 Doctor Who. After tackling aliens on Earth last week, the Doctor decides it's high time Amy saw something of the universe – even though she's still wearing her nightie. So he takes her to Starship UK, where the inhabitants of what used to be Britain now live. Matt Smith stars.	8.30 MI High.	1.00 T4: Smallville.	12.00 Channel 4 Racing from Lingfield Park and Newcastle.	8.35 The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky.
7.00 Over the Rainbow.	9.00 Basil and Barney's Swap Shop.	1.30 Come Dine with Me.	3.30 Jamie at Home.	9.15 The Mr Men Show.
8.10 The National Lottery: Who Dares Wins.	9.55 Street Monsters.	4.00 Come Dine with Me.	4.30 Come Dine with Me.	9.35 Gerald McBoing Boing.
9.00 Casualty. Guest starring Liz May Brice (Torchwood – Children of Earth).	10.00 Horrible Histories.	5.00 Come Dine with Me.	5.00 Come Dine with Me.	10.00 UEFA Europa League Highlights.
9.50 BBC News; Weather.	10.30 The Sarah Jane Adventures.	5.30 Come Dine with Me.	6.00 Come Dine with Me.	11.05 The Gadget Show.
10.15 Match of the Day.	11.00 Bamzooki.	6.00 Channel 4 News.	6.30 The Welsh Great Escape. Account of an incident in March 1945 when 70 German PoWs tunneled out of an internment camp in Bridgend.	12.05 Chinese Food in Minutes.
11.15 The Football League Show.	11.30 Hai! Karate: Journey to Japan.	8.00 Pearl Harbour: Mystery of the Killer Subs. Exploring the role of recently discovered wrecks of Japanese submarines in and around Pearl Harbour.	7.00 The 100 Greatest Stand Ups 2010. The show features clips of the greatest stand-up routines as well as interviews, and fresh nominees.	12.35 The Business Inspector.
12.40 BBC News.	12.00 BBC Switch: Degraass: The Next Generation.	1.05 FILM: Solaris (2002).	2.40 The Sopranos.	1.35 FILM: The Hallelujah Trail (1965). Comedy Western, starring Burt Lancaster.
	12.25 BBC Switch: Single, Together, Whatever. Last in the series.			4.25 FILM: I Love Trouble (1994). Romantic comedy thriller.
	12.55 BBC Switch: The 5:19 Show.			6.45 Five News.
	1.10 BBC Switch: The Cut.			6.50 NCIS.
	1.35 BBC Switch: The Cut.			7.40 NCIS.
	2.05 The Sky at Night.			8.35 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation.
	2.25 FILM: Bicentennial Man (1999). Sci-fi drama.			9.30 CSI: NY.
	4.30 Final Score.			10.30 Law & Order.
	5.20 FILM: The Aviator (2004). Oscar-winning biopic.			11.30 Crime Scene Academy.
	8.00 Dad's Army.			12.00 SuperCasino.
	8.30 Live Golf: The Masters.			
	12.00 Grand National Re-Run.			
	12.30 FILM: Glory Road (2006).			
	2.20 FILM: Aguirre, the Wrath of God (1972). German drama			



A Passionate Woman
BBC1, Sunday, 9pm



Piers Morgan's Life Stories: Michael Winner
ITV, Saturday, 9.30pm



William Shatner Comedy Roast
Channel Four, Sunday, 10.50pm



Lara Croft: Tomb Raider
five, Sunday, 9pm

SUNDAY

BBC1	BBC2	ITV	CHANNEL 4	five
6.00 Breakfast.	6.00 CBeebies: Fimbles. Fimbo finds a hoop.	6.00 GMTV.	6.05 Sali Mali.	6.00 Sunrise.
8.00 Match of the Day. Including highlights of Hull City v Burnley.	6.20 Me Too! The kids have fun with paper.	9.25 Coronation Street. Omnibus.	6.10 The Hoobs.	7.00 Milkshake!: Elmo's World.
9.00 The Andrew Marr Show.	6.40 Clifford's Puppy Days.	11.45 News and Weather.	7.00 The Track and Field Show.	7.15 The WotWots.
10.00 The Big Questions.	7.00 CBBC: Dennis and Gnasher.	11.59 Anglia Weather.	7.30 British Formula 3 International Series.	7.30 Little Lodgers.
11.00 Country Tracks.	7.25 Street Monsters. The Vain Monster attends a celebrity event.	12.00 This Morning: Sunday. Highlights from the week's programmes.	8.00 The Grid.	7.35 Chiro.
12.00 The Politics Show. With Jon Sopel.	7.30 Jinx. Lulu has to give a presentation on a novel.	1.00 FILM: Columbo: Lady in Waiting (1971). Crime drama, guest starring Leslie Nielsen, with Peter Falk.	8.30 GT Academy.	7.40 Noddy in Toyland.
1.00 Cash in the Attic.	7.50 Sam & Mark's Guide to Dodging Disaster.	2.30 Agatha Christie's Poirot. The sleuth accompanies a precious cargo to New York.	9.00 T4: The Hills.	7.50 Milkshake! Music Box.
1.45 Bargain Hunt.	8.00 The Legend of Dick & Dom.	3.30 Live FA Cup Football. Tottenham Hotspur v Portsmouth (Kick-off 4.00pm).	9.25 T4: Friends.	7.55 Fireman Sam.
2.15 Murder, She Wrote.	8.30 Dani's House.	6.00 Anglia News and Weather.	10.00 T4: Hollyoaks.	8.05 Hana's Helpline.
3.00 EastEnders. Omnibus.	9.00 Big Babies. Children's comedy in which two babies get up to mischief.	6.15 ITV News and Weather.	12.30 T4: Running in Heels.	8.20 Mist: Sheepdog Tales.
4.50 Points of View.	9.15 Ooglies. Lonely Sprout looks for a vegetable friend.	6.30 Totally You've Been Framed! The funniest home videos and wittiest one-liners from narrator Harry Hill, including the granny who gets thrown from a donkey.	1.00 T4: Friends.	8.35 The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky.
5.05 Songs of Praise. The final of the Junior School Choir competition.	9.30 Sorry, I've Got No Head.	7.30 Coronation Street.	1.30 T4: 4Music Meets Rihanna.	8.50 Igam Ogam.
5.45 BBC News.	10.00 Something for the Weekend.	8.00 Foyle's War.	2.35 T4: Friends.	9.00 Olivia.
6.15 Countryfile. Reporting from Essex.	11.30 On Thin Ice.	10.00 ITV News and Weather.	3.15 T4: The Simpsons.	9.15 The Mr Men Show.
7.15 Antiques Roadshow.	12.15 Rachel Allen: Home Cooking. Last in the series.	10.15 The South Bank Show Revisited. Author Ian McEwan talks to Melvyn Bragg.	3.45 T4: The Simpsons. r.	9.35 Gerald McBoing Boing.
8.15 Over the Rainbow. The results of the live show are announced.	12.40 Monk.	11.15 FILM: A Mighty Wind (2003). The death of a Sooties folk music producer is marked by a tribute concert featuring three of his old acts.	4.20 Deal or No Deal.	10.00 Shake!: Hannah Montana.
9.00 A Passionate Woman. Based on Kay Mellor's hugely successful play it's set in 1950s Leeds, and follows Betty, a young wife and mother who falls hopelessly in love with her Polish neighbour.	1.20 FILM: Fort Apache (1948).	12.55 Champions League Weekly.	5.10 FILM: Valiant (2005). Computer-animated adventure.	10.35 Wizards of Waverly Place.
	3.25 Escape to the Country.	1.25 British Superbike Championship Highlights.	6.30 Channel 4 News.	11.10 Build a New Life in the Country.
	4.25 Rick Stein's Far Eastern Odyssey.	2.15 Nightwatch with Steve Scott.	7.00 Embarrassing Bodies: Charlotte's Story. The story of a girl who visited the clinic with an apparent viral infection, but was later discovered to suffer from a serious immune deficiency.	12.10 Megastructures: Sellafeld Demolition.
	5.25 FILM: Carry On Again, Doctor (1969).	3.05 Coastal Kitchen.	8.00 Come Dine with Me.	1.10 Ice Patrol.
	6.55 Live Golf: The Masters. Subsequent programmes subject to change.		9.00 The Restoration Man.	2.10 Zoo Days.
	12.00 MotoGP.		10.00 Chris Moyles' Quiz Night: The Final.	2.20 FILM: A Guy Thing (2002). Romantic comedy, starring Jason Lee and Julia Stiles.
	1.15 FILM: Critical Assignment (2004).		10.50 William Shatner Comedy Roast.	4.15 FILM: What a Girl Wants (2003). Comedy remake, starring Amanda Bynes.
			12.25 Ricky Gervais Meets Garry Shandling.	6.15 Five News.
			1.30 FILM: Ju-on: The Grudge (2003). Japanese horror.	6.20 FILM: The Mask of Zorro (1998). Swashbuckling adventure
				9.00 FILM: Lara Croft: Tomb Raider (2001).
				10.55 Justin Lee Collins: Good Times. with Shaheen Sptier.
				11.55 UFC 111: Main Event.
				12.55 SuperCasino.

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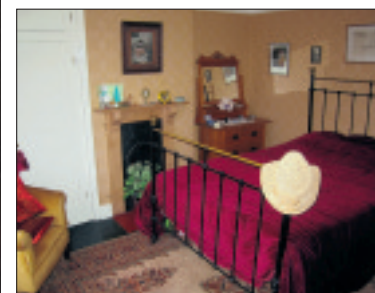
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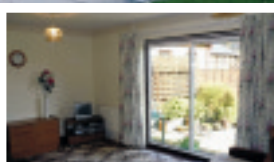
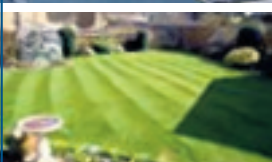
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COMMON ROAD**£235,000****MUST BE VIEWED**

In our opinion a modern spacious four bedroom detached family home in a non estate location situated within the popular village of Weston Colville. The property has been updated within recent times to include a replacement kitchen and bathroom, however could benefit from further improvement. We believe viewing to be essential to fully appreciate this home.

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NEWMARKET**£995 PCM****REDUCED**

A spacious four bedroom detached family home in a popular location close to local schools, shops and other recreation facilities. Entrance hall, cloakroom, kitchen/diner, lounge, garden, four bedrooms, bathroom, garage and gardens.

ORCHARD ROW**£575 PCM**

A modern two bedroom terrace home in a popular location close to the village. Lounge, kitchen, bathroom, two bedrooms, conservatory, enclosed front and rear gardens. Allocated parking.

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STRETTON AVENUE**£800 PCM****NEW PRICE**

Three bedroom semi detached bungalow in a popular cul de sac location close to the Newmarket railway station. Living room, kitchen/dining room, computer area, master bedroom with en-suite, bathroom, off road parking, gardens front and rear. Double glazing and gas central heating.

BLACKTHORN COURT**£465 PCM****NEW**

A modern one bedroom mews type property situated in a popular village twist Newmarket and Ely. Refurbished bathroom, living room, double bedroom with fitted wardrobes, kitchen with some appliances and allocated parking.

CARTER STREET**£475 PCM****NEW**

End of terrace home, situated close to the Village centre. Two good sized bedrooms, first floor bathroom, spacious living room, kitchen, gas central heating, garden. Available immediately.

BITTEN GROVE**£495 PCM****NEW**

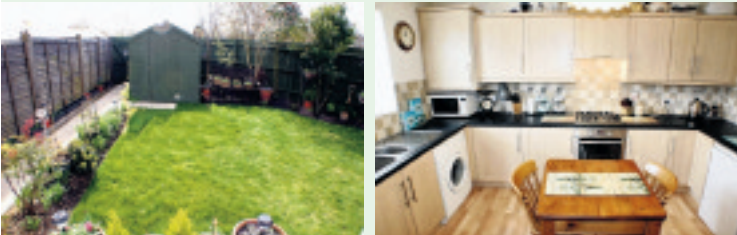
A deceptively spacious modern two bedroom first floor apartment in a popular development close to the centre. Two bedrooms, sitting room, kitchen, bathroom and garage. Available for immediate occupation.

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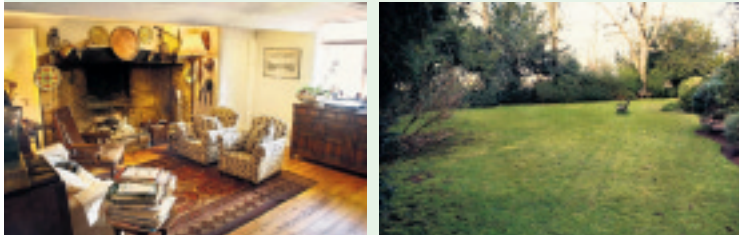
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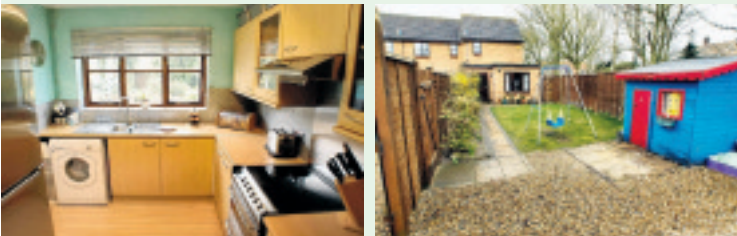
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Burwell **£229,995**
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Swaffham Bullbeck **£149,950**
A well presented extended 2 bedroom equity share home standing in a highly desirable village location with views to the rear over open fields and excellent ground floor accommodation. A 67.8% share is offered with the balance owned by Colne Housing Society.



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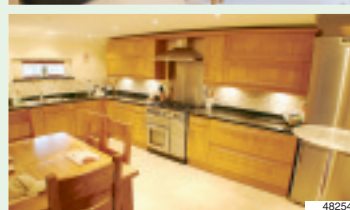
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Isleham

An impressive individual barn style property built to a high specification with a south facing rear garden, ensuite shower room, luxury kitchen with a range oven and appliances, garage and carport.

£280,000



Newmarket

A well presented 2 bedroom period terraced property situated on the north side of town with a modern fitted kitchen, replacement UPVC double glazing, gas fired radiator central heating, an attractive long rear garden and NO CHAIN.

£125,000



Fordham

A 2 bedroom cottage style property standing in a non-estate village location with an attractive sitting room with open fireplace, exposed beams, a first floor bathroom, a fitted kitchen/ dining room and gas central heating.

£159,950



Burwell

A 3 bedroom detached house, stunning open plan ground floor accommodation, well equipped fitted kitchen, conservatory and a master bedroom with ensuite shower room.

£240,000



Burwell

A superb 4 bedroom detached house standing in the corner of a small development, aspect to the rear towards the church, 2 reception rooms, well equipped modern kitchen, side/ rear gardens and NO ONWARD CHAIN.

£315,000



Newmarket

An attractively presented Victorian terraced property with 2 double bedrooms and a first floor bathroom, a sitting room and separate dining room, double glazed windows, gas central heating and a south facing rear courtyard.

£141,500



Newmarket

An impressive 3 bedroom period house beautifully renovated with new luxury bathroom, 2 reception rooms, landscaped garden, garden room/office, studio/workshop, carport, driveway and workshop.

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Newmarket **£175,000**
 A beautifully presented 3 bedroom terraced property situated close to the town centre with 2 reception rooms, stylish modern kitchen and bathroom, gas central heating and a part walled courtyard. Viewing recommended



Mildenhall **£179,950**
 Select development of only eight 3 and 4 bedroom houses conveniently situated close to the town centre. Viewing recommended



Lidgate **£245,000**
 A charming extended 3 bedroom period cottage with 2 reception rooms an open plan kitchen/breakfast room, attractive gardens and NO CHAIN.



Isleham **£250,000**
 A well presented 4 bedroom detached house delightfully situated in private cul-de-sac close to the church with 2 reception rooms, 4 bedrooms with 1 ensuite, a conservatory, an attractive part walled south facing garden and a superb individual modern fitted kitchen.



Burwell **£125,000**
 A modern end of terrace house forming part of a sought after development on the outskirts of the village. Features include a modern fitted kitchen with built-in oven & hob, 2 bedrooms, first floor bathroom and an enclosed south east facing rear garden.



Great Bradley **£259,950**
 comprises a 3 bedroom semi-detached cottage standing in an elevated position with open country views and excellent accommodation including 2 reception rooms and detached annexe/office. NO CHAIN.



Moulton **£275,000**
 4 bedroom detached house forming part of a select development with generous accommodation including 3 reception rooms, 4 bedrooms, ensuite shower room and oil fired central heating. EXCELLENT VALUE - NO CHAIN.



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YOUR GUIDE TO MOVING HOME



1 Moving home can be a complicated business and, in the hectic run to the big day, it is all too easy to forget something vital. The Property News offers their readers this handy checklist that should help avoid major pitfalls. We suggest you tick off the items as you deal with them...

WITH FOUR WEEKS TO GO:

- ☐ Get estimates from removal companies, checking that comprehensive insurance cover is available against damage or loss. Is there a packing and unpacking service? Confirm the date of your move with the firm you have chosen.
- ☐ Check on your home contents insurance policies to ensure that you are covered for the move, and covered at your new address.
- ☐ Make arrangements for your gas and electricity meters (plus water meters where relevant) to be read and all your appliances to be disconnected on the day of your move.
- ☐ Arrange to take over gas and electricity at your new address, and make sure that all appliances will be properly fitted, plumbed or connected.
- ☐ Notify British Telecom and ask them to make the necessary arrangements for a final account at your present address, and for taking over or installing telephone facilities at your new home.
- ☐ Arrange for change of address cards to be printed.

WITH TWO WEEKS TO GO:

- ☐ Confirm all arrangements, times etc, for meter readings, disconnections and reconnections, with authorities and with your buyer and seller.
- ☐ Make sure you have a good stock of packing materials, including sturdy boxes and plenty of string and sticky tape.
- ☐ Begin to throw out unwanted items from attics, wardrobes. What you really don't want you may as well dump now, or send to charity. It's a great time for a good sort out!

WITH ONE WEEK TO GO:

- ☐ Send off change of address cards.
- ☐ Arrange and pay for automatic redirection of your mail by the Post Office.
- ☐ Cancel and pay up accounts for routine delivery services such as milk, groceries, fuel and your Cambridge Evening News. Re-organise these deliveries for your new address.
- ☐ Defrost refrigerators in preparation for move and, if you are moving a freezer and its contents, turn it up to maximum for a couple of days before you move.

WITH ONE DAY TO GO:

- ☐ Complete your packing except for those items you are likely to need overnight, and prepare a picnic for moving day.
- ☐ Have a large enough cash 'float' available to deal with unexpected expenses, and make sure you have collected documents and valuables together in a safe place.
- ☐ Cover carpets which are being left behind, so as to minimise damage during furniture removal.
- ☐ Check through previous lists to make sure nothing has been overlooked, then enjoy a worry-free early night!

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ON MOVING DAY:

- ☐ Strip beds and pack bedding and nightclothes.
- ☐ Pack items for washing/toiletries.
- ☐ Take down curtains.
- ☐ Take up rugs, carpets, floor coverings, as required.
- ☐ Dismantle any light fittings etc., not included in the sale.
- ☐ Turn off electric appliances.
- ☐ Disconnect cooker.
- ☐ Turn off boiler/central heating.
- ☐ Turn off water.
- ☐ Read gas meter.
- ☐ Read electricity meter.
- ☐ Secure all windows.
- ☐ Lock all doors.
- ☐ Leave key as arranged with new owners.
- ☐ On arrival at your new home, unpack slowly and methodically so that you can check for loss or damage.

3 EXTRA HINTS FOR A SMOOTH MOVE...

WHO TO NOTIFY:

- ☐ Banks.
- ☐ Building Societies.
- ☐ Credit companies.
- ☐ Insurance companies.
- ☐ Gas, Electricity and Water Boards.
- ☐ Telephone company.
- ☐ Local Authority (Rating Department).
- ☐ Driving Licence authorities.
- ☐ Inland Revenue.
- ☐ Store cards and accounts.
- ☐ Other lease, hire or rental companies.
- ☐ Employer.
- ☐ Doctor.
- ☐ Dentist.
- ☐ Schools.
- ☐ Professional Bodies/Trade Unions.
- ☐ Motoring organisations.
- ☐ Newsagent.
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Guide Price £525,000



WICKEN

A splendid Grade II Listed house with attractive grounds, outbuildings and swimming pool.

Reception Hall/Dining Room, Drawing Room, Sitting Room, Garden Room, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Utility Room/2nd Kitchen, Boot Room, Cloakroom. Master Bedroom with Dressing Room and En Suite, 4 Further Bedrooms and Shower Room. Double Garage & Workshops.

Guide Price £595,000



WICKHAMBROOK

A beautiful period style house situated within this well serviced village with open views to the rear.
Entrance Hall, Sitting Room, Rear Hall, Dining Room, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Utility Room, Cloakroom. Master Bedroom with En Suite Bathroom, 3 Further Double Bedrooms and Family Bathroom. Double Garage, Parking, Front and Rear Gardens.

Guide Price £385,000



LITTLEPORT

An individual newly-built family house enjoying views over open countryside with stables and paddock.

Reception Hall, Sitting Room, Dining Room, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Utility Room, Cloakroom. Master Bedroom with En Suite, 4 Further Bedrooms (2 En Suite) and Bathroom. Detached Double Garage, Garden, Paddock and Stables.

Guide Price £485,000

KIRTLING

A superbly presented Grade II Listed Victorian School House set in the centre of this popular village.

Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Sitting/Dining Room. Landing, Master Bedroom with Shower, Bedroom 2 and Family Bathroom. Driveway and Parking, Enclosed Rear Garden.

Guide Price £275,000



HERRINGSWELL

A distinctive 2nd floor apartment located in a sympathetically converted Grade II Listed manor house finished to the highest specification and set in 8.4 acres (sts) of stunning communal grounds.

Entrance Hall, Sitting Room, Kitchen/Dining Room, Study, Master Bedroom with En Suite, 2 Further Bedrooms and Shower Room. Allocated Parking, Private Roof Terrace and Communal Grounds.

New Guide Price £299,950



NEWMARKET

A superbly presented and spacious second floor apartment set within a sought after development with a single garage and the use of communal grounds and leisure facilities.

Entrance Hall, Sitting/Dining Room, Kitchen. Master Bedroom with En Suite Shower Room, Bedroom Two and Bathroom. Allocated and Visitors Parking, Single Garage, Communal Grounds and Leisure Facilities.

Guide Price £315,000

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Guide Price £1,200,000



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A superb detached bungalow situated in this much sought after village location with a large garden, paddocks, stables and grounds extending to 1.04 acres (sts)

Entrance Hall, Reception Hall, Sitting Room, Family Room, Dining Room, Kitchen, Inner Hall/Utility. 4 Bedrooms and 2 Bathrooms. Driveway and Parking, Integral Single Garage, Paddocks and Stables.

New Guide Price £525,000

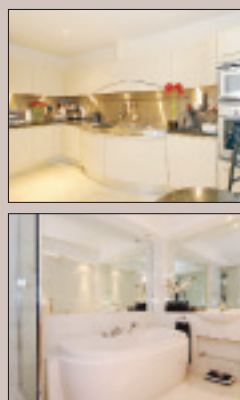


NEWMARKET

A stunning first floor apartment situated in this exceptional development with communal gym.

Entrance Hall, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Sitting Room, Master Bedroom with En Suite Bathroom, Bedroom 2 and Shower Room. Communal Gardens, Allocated Parking, Storage Cupboard, Communal Gym and Sauna.

Guide Price £315,000



SNAILWELL

A well presented and spacious property in a private edge of village location with gardens, paddocks and stables extending to approximately 3 acres (sts)

Entrance Hall, Drawing Room, Garden Room, Sitting Room/Bed 4, Kitchen/Dining Room, Utility Room, Cellar, 3 Bedrooms and 2 Bathrooms. Driveway and Parking, Garage, Large Gardens, Paddocks and Stables.

Guide Price £750,000

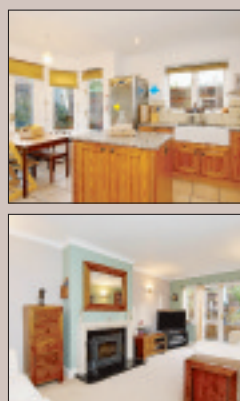


ASHLEY

A well designed detached family house with an attractive garden in a sought after village location.

Reception Hall, Sitting Room, Dining Room, Play Room, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Utility Room, Cloakroom, Galleried Landing/Study, Master Bedroom with En Suite, 3 Further Bedrooms and Bathroom. Detached Double Garage and Garden.

New Guide Price £425,000

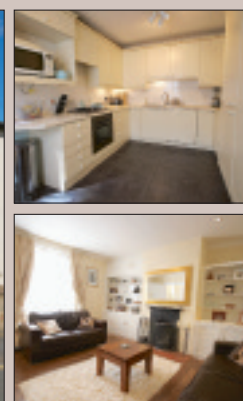


NEWMARKET

A charming period town house presented in superb order throughout in a central town location.

Entrance Hall, Sitting Room, Dining Room, Study, Kitchen/Breakfast Room. Landing, 2 Double Bedrooms, 2 Bath/Shower Rooms (1 En Suite). Rear Courtyard Garden.

Guide Price £250,000



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Newmarket **£135,000**

An extremely well presented 2 bedroom Victorian terrace house offering modern living accommodation, whilst retaining the charm of a period cottage.



Newmarket

A very well presented & spacious 3 bedroom house located in quiet cul de sac location. The accommodation includes a lounge diner, fitted kitchen, bathroom & enclosed rear garden.

£143,000



Newmarket

A 2 bedroom mid terrace cottage offering charm and character, situated in a central town location for easy access to the High Street. The accommodation includes 2 bedrooms, living room, spacious kitchen, and an enclosed garden.

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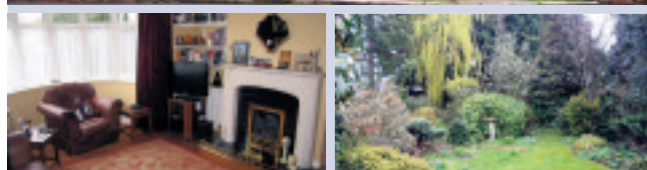
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Newmarket £149,950

An attractively situated end of terrace 2 bedroom modern house enjoying a good sized enclosed garden, garage and off road parking. NO CHAIN



NEW



Newmarket £310,000

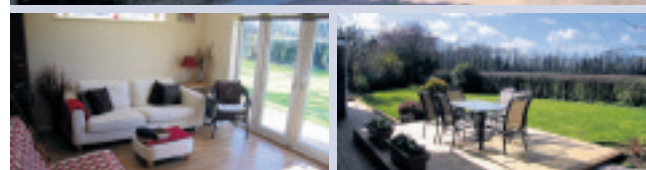
A stunning 4 bedroom detached 1930's house of character and charm, boasting a number of fine features including fireplaces, coloured leaded windows and stripped wooden floors. Impressive hall, sitting room with bay window, dining room opening to a large conservatory and refitted kitchen. Useful loft/hobbies space, delightful large garden and off road parking.



NEW

Isleham £139,950

Situated in the heart of the popular village of Isleham a 3 bedroom house offering scope for some further improvement. No CHAIN



Exning £255,000

Enjoying delightful views to the rear across farmland a superbly presented link detached family house set in attractive gardens. Hall, shower room, lounge/diner with fireplace, family room, fitted kitchen, utility, family bathroom, garage and off road parking, attractive good sized garden.



NEW

Newmarket £10,000

A prominent lock up shop situated on the Cambridge end of the High Street providing about 650 Sq ft of shop and office space. To be let on a new lease.



Red Lodge £240,000

A deceptively spacious 4 bedroom detached bungalow which offers both versatile accommodation & contemporary living.



Wickhambrook £180,000

An extremely well presented 3 bedroom house located in a quiet residential cul de sac in a popular village just a few miles south east of Newmarket.



Newmarket £310,000

Standing at the end of a small and highly regarded cul de sac south of Newmarket town centre, an extended and beautifully presented 4 bedroom detached family house.



NEW

Newmarket £124,995

A two bedroom Victorian mid terrace house. The property benefits from a sitting room, kitchen/dining room, first floor bathroom, courtyard garden with brick outhouse.



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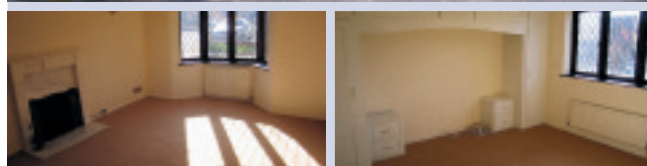
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Ashley £220,000

Enjoying possible the most impressive far reaching countryside views in the area a delightful 3 bedroom family house updated to a cottage style and enjoying large gardens.



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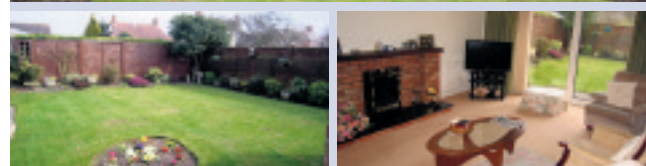
Fordham £280,000

Situated at the end of a small cul de sac in the popular village of Fordham, an impressive 4 bedroom detached family house with an enclosed garden and detached double garage. NO CHAIN

SOLD
STC

Freckenham £365,000

A beautifully presented and sympathetically restored detached Period cottage of unquestionable charm and character, nestled along a quiet no through country lane.



Newmarket £450,000

A delightful 4 bedroom detached family house located in a much sort after location off Snailwell Road. Benefiting from 4 good size bedrooms, an en suite, family bathroom, living room, dining room, study and kitchen. The property also benefits from garden to the front and rear and garage.



Scrappage ends with a banger...

... but the deals keep coming

SCRAPPAGE is now officially over, writes Mike Scialom, but the industry is determined to offer a range of options and deals which will continue to appeal to those looking for attractive offers.

These deals include: ■ Nissan is extending its British Built Trade-in Scheme – and to mark the occasion a unique 36ft extended vehicle made out of scrapped car parts has been made.

The British Built Trade-in Scheme guarantees a £2,000 minimum trade-in against any new British-built Nissan for trade-in vehicles over seven years old – previously the offer only applied to models aged eight-10 years old.

New Nissans eligible for the improved offer, which

began yesterday and runs until June 30, include the Micra, Note, Qashqai or Qashqai+2, all of which are produced at Nissan's Sunderland Plant.

Details are available from Marshall Nissan on (01223) 377300.

■ Skoda UK has introduced its own "Happy Swapping" initiative.

For those who missed out on the car scrappage scheme, Skoda is offering drivers who own a vehicle with a '52 registration or older the chance to swap their old vehicle no matter the make or model. In return, the consumer will receive a minimum of £2,000 off their brand new Skoda, which means they could be driving home a Fabia from as little as £7,340 – or the award-winning Superb from £14,165.

To be able to qualify, cars need to have a valid MOT certificate with a minimum of three months remaining on it. They also need to be taxed and insured, driveable and the owner must have a UK address and have owned the car for at least three months.

Call Vindis Skoda on (01223) 507507 or visit www.skoda.co.uk.

■ Murketts, the Cambridge-based Vauxhall dealer, has got an even better offer – buyers need to have only owned their older car for 90 days to qualify for £3,000 off all new Astras, Astra Sport Hatches and most new Corsa models.

Mazda, meanwhile, has chosen to start the post-scrappage era by concentrating on having the best deals.

"The Government scrappage scheme was a great way to get new customers into the showroom and remove some of the older, less environmentally-friendly cars from the road," said Mark Cameron, sales and marketing director, Mazda UK.

"We benefited from the scheme taking more than our fair share of the scrappage market, but it did discriminate against anyone who did not have a 10 year old car to scrap.

"At Mazda we have decided to make our post-scrappage offers simple to understand, fair and equitable for all. It does not depend on having an aged car and is open to all customers, ensuring anyone who wants to buy a new Mazda can get a great deal and purchase

their perfect car at a fair price."

Mazda has a compelling range of offers including typical 0 per cent APR finance with 50 per cent deposit required available across the range and deposit allowances of up to £1,000 for customers that opt for Mazda's PCP products. Other customer savings include up to £1,250 on all Mazda MX-5s. Call EMG Motor Group on (01223) 472000.

■ The new Showroom Tax took effect from April 1. The important figure to remember if you are buying a new car is 130g/km of CO₂ – under this figure and you pay no VED for the first year. For those buying used cars, road tax reforms mean that cars under 140g/km will pay less tax than before.

Post-Budget fuel prices edge towards new high

PETROL prices have edged closer to a record high this week after motorists were hit with a 1p a litre fuel duty increase.

The rise takes prices from an average of 117.8p a litre to just under 119p – almost up to the record of 119.7p reached in 2008.

The pain could have been even greater for road users if Chancellor Alistair Darling had not decided to introduce the near-3p fuel duty rise – which began yesterday – in three stages.

Drivers will now pay an extra 1p, a further 1p in October and another 0.76p next January.

RAC motoring strategist Adrian Tink said: "Motorists are

currently seeing petrol prices rise on a daily basis. This fuel duty increase is only going to add to the misery as motorists see their hard-earned cash swallowed up at the pumps.

"Worryingly, it's now a case of when, rather than if, the record petrol prices will be broken. The Chancellor had the opportunity to give motorists a bit of respite but has only staggered the pain rather than ease it."

The fuel duty rise will mean that petrol has risen by 11p a litre since the start of the year. The RAC said this equated to around £121 extra in fuel costs for the average car.

Helping you find your car – visit www.newmarketweeklynews.co.uk/drive

Young Brits are way sensible!

Poll shows EU drivers perform far worse

BRITAIN'S young motorists may drive faster and have more accidents than older road users but they appear to perform better than their European counterparts, according to a survey this week.

While 24 per cent of British drivers aged under 25 admit to significantly speeding on motorways, the European young driver average for this type of offence is 38 per cent, the poll by insurance company Axa found.

Although 35 per cent of under-25s in Britain drive too fast in built up areas, the European average is as high as 52 per cent.

The poll also found that while 18 per cent of Europe's young drivers – and as many as 34 per cent in Portugal – will drive after consuming more than two alcoholic drinks, only 5 per cent of Britain's young motorists do.

The Axa poll of 8,000

drivers from 10 European countries also showed:

■ Across Europe, 32 per cent of young drivers will overtake on a solid white line, compared with 13 per cent of British young drivers;

■ 12 per cent of British young drivers will overtake on the inside lane of the motorway compared with an average of 16 per cent in Europe;

■ British young drivers are just above average when it comes to going through an amber light, with 77 per cent admitting to this against the European average of 76 per cent;

■ When it comes to driving for long periods (more than two hours) without a break, 59 per cent of young drivers in Britain have done so against a European average of 58 per cent;

■ Motorists in Britain aged under 25 are more than 30 per cent less likely to make an accident claim than those of a similar age in France or Spain and around 25 per cent less

likely to make a claim than under-25s in Germany;

■ 49 per cent of Britons polled felt measures involving young drivers, such as raising the age when young people can begin to drive, are important for road safety.

Axa Insurance motor director Craig Staniland said: "Young drivers are a concern for insurers and this research clearly shows that in key areas, such as speeding, young drivers are more likely to indulge in dangerous behaviours than others and more work needs to be done to educate them about the risks.

"However, in Britain we do seem to be performing better than our European neighbours and as a whole seem to be more concerned about the issues surrounding young drivers. We would like to see a return to what younger drivers might see as old-fashioned values where there is more courtesy and respect on Britain's roads."



The Lexus LFA: 0 to 62mph in 3.7 seconds is quite incredible.

Lexus' LFA now has full track performance

IN celebration of its LFA supercar taking on the challenge of the Nürburgring 24 Hours race in May, Lexus has launched a new performance package designed to appeal to customers seeking full-blooded track performance.

The new Nürburgring package provides additional aerodynamic features and technical revisions that improve handling and downforce without compromising

the exceptional speed and acceleration that are central to the LFA's driving character.

Greater downforce, essential to peak track performance, has been gained through revisions and additions to several of the LFA's CFRP components, including a larger front spoiler, side fin-type spoilers and a new fixed rear wing.

Maximum power from the mid-front mounted 4.8-litre V10 engine has been increased by 10bhp

to more than 562bhp and gear shifts in the six-speed sequential transmission have been cut to just 0.15 seconds. Thanks to these changes, 0 to 62mph acceleration in 3.7 seconds and a top speed of 202mph are maintained, in spite of the extra drag created by the new aerodynamic elements.

Handling modifications include sports tuning of the suspension and mesh-type wheels shod with dedicated high-grip

tyres.

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Tremendous response: From left are Michelle Clark, Anatol Poyer-Sleeman and Grant Smith of ChipsAway Cambridge.

Chocks away for ChipsAway

CHIPS AWAY, Cambridge's new express bodyshop, opened last weekend with a champagne celebration that was attended by a host of local businesspeople, automotive traders, press and other ChipsAway business owners from across the UK.

ChipsAway Cambridge's Express Bodyshop is a unique offering in the region, where repairs are completed same-day, and for a cost that means almost all drivers choose not to involve their insurance company.

The ChipsAway Cambridge staff quoted for repairs on more than 150 vehicles over the course of the weekend – with most booking in on the spot to take advantage of the opening discounts.

ChipsAway Cambridge used the occasion to announce that they had been selected as an authorised distributor for the

Dodo Juice range of car care products and waxes, and were welcomed into the network by Dodo Juice managing director Dom Colbeck.

There was a tremendous response from car owners to the grand opening discounts offered over the opening weekend – which had been widely advertised in the local press and also with a very successful radio ad campaign, voiced by Olly Smith, known to most listeners as the celebrity wine buff who first came to prominence on the Richard and Judy TV show.

To help visitors find the new site, the Express Bodyshop flew the ChipsAway Blimp, kindly provided by the ChipsAway network's head office, 60 metres above their new location.

The ChipsAway Cambridge staff quoted for repairs on over 150 vehicles over the course of the weekend – with most booking in on the spot to take advantage of the opening

discounts.

Anatol Poyer-Sleeman, managing director, commented: "We are delighted with the response to our opening – there is clearly a great demand in Cambridge for bodywork repairs that are quick and convenient while still being top quality. Our diary is now booked well into May, with cars as diverse as a 15 year-old Vauxhall and a new Aston Martin. The blimp was a particular success, with lots of customers commenting that they had seen our press ads or heard the radio campaign, then the sight of the blimp in the air reminded them of our opening and guided them in for their quote."

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The Ford Focus RS5000: Due early summer with a tag of around £27,000.

It's a scorcher – Ford's Focus RS500

NEVER mind what the weather experts predict – Ford says summer will be a scorcher, thanks to its latest model.

The Blue Oval has just turned up the heat for fast Ford fans everywhere with an even faster, more furious, Focus RS.

It's a limited run of the current potent 2.5-litre Focus RS, but the engine has been tweaked to pump out a muscular 345bhp, a

sizeable leap from the current model's 301bhp.

Just 500 will start rolling off the production lines in May, so Ford has titled it the Focus RS500.

That number is to be shared between 20 European countries, but Britain will get 101 of them, which says a lot about the size of the fast-Ford following here.

This latest fast Ford isn't breathtakingly gorgeous,

but neither does it come with the runaway price tags of sleek, sensual coupes.

It should cost around £27,000 when it reaches the UK in early summer, a bargain price for such a master-blast.

The tuned, 2.5-litre 5-cylinder petrol RS500 will mark the end of the current RS production run and Ford believes it will quickly sell out in the UK.

For a stand-out, purposeful look, the limited edition model sports a unique matt black finish with matching alloy wheels. However, there will be touches of brighter colours dotted around it: the brake callipers are red, it gets blue RS side badges, plus a special blue and red RS500 badge on the tailgate.

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>> Youth rugby:

Barbarians give county side trouble

ELEVEN members of Newmarket's under-13 squad joined forces with 12 players from the Cambridge, Shelford and Ely clubs to take on the Hunts and Peterborough county side. Named the Newmarket Barbarians, they went down 12-7 having only had a 20-minute training session together. Relying on individual skill and endeavour, they found themselves under the cosh against a well-drilled side who opened the scoring with an unconverted try. This sparked the Barbarians and they replied with a try from Cambridge's John Dowman, who broke through two tackles after being set up by Newmarket's Adam Moss and second-row Ben May. Jack Corridan-Brown proved to be comfortable in such company, making some fine line-breaks at centre and Rob Challinor and Jack Morris were prominent after coming on in the second half. However, the game was decided by a disputed try – the Barbarians claiming the ball had been held up – and a brilliant 35-yard conversion.

>> Football:

Harley on spot

Ely in penalty fury but Steve settles derby

Mildenhall 1 Ely City 0
Premier Division

STEVE Harley's controversial penalty was enough to give Mildenhall victory in the derby on Monday.

Harley netted from the spot in the first half after Aaron Turner was adjudged to have been fouled by Chris Sterecki. It was a decision which the Ely players fiercely disputed.

Mildenhall manager Simon Charlton said: "Ely were better than us first half, but I made a couple of changes at half time and we looked a totally different."

Dennis Lightning, the Robins' boss, said: "The only man in the ground who thought it was a penalty was the man who mattered."

Wivenhoe Tn 1
Mildenhall Tn 1
Premier Division

SIMON Charlton and his players left Wivenhoe disappointed after a failure to



Spot of bother: Steve Harley stands patiently as the referee tries to restore order after awarding the penalty.

make the most of their chances cost them what would have been a deserved victory on Saturday.

John Sands was especially guilty of missing golden opportunities, and when Hall did finally take the lead on the hour, it was a Wivenhoe

defender who put the ball in the back of the net.

The lead lasted only 10 minutes as a defensive mistake led to an equaliser.

"It was disappointing," said boss Charlton. "We played quite well but unfortunately it was one of those days. The fact

our goal came from one of their players sums it up."

Mildenhall travel to Leiston in the league on Saturday before making the trip up the A14 on Thursday to face Cambridge City in the semi-final of the Cambs Invitation Cup.

>> Cricket:

Clubs search for players

YOUNGSTERS are being invited to join a village youth team. Training sessions are starting for the Dullingham youth side which is open to players between the ages of 13 and 15.

The sessions will take place on Tuesday evenings at 6pm at the sports field in Stetchworth Road, Dullingham, starting on April 20. Anyone interested should contact Malcolm Bird 01638 507658.

■ Mildenhall are seeking new members for their women's and girls' team.

Further information from Jeanette Hobbs on 07917 798537 or browse mildenhallcricketclub.com

>> Speedway:

Tigers have to wait for it

MILDENHALL Fen Tigers' curtain-raiser to the season against Team Viking at West Row on Sunday was postponed because the racing surface was unfit.

The track hosted a stock car meeting the previous night.

Officials are keeping their fingers crossed Sunday's semi-final of the British under-21 Championship, scheduled for West Row, will be able to go ahead.

>> Racing:

Pen inked in for a Doncaster return

WILLIAM Haggas' Penitent is likely to return to Doncaster later this month following his runaway success in the William Hill Lincoln. The Cheveley Park Stud-owned four-year-old was sent off favourite for the traditional Flat season curtain-raiser and duly bolted up under Johnny Murtagh. The Doncaster Mile on April 17 is Penitent's likely next port of call and Chris Richardson, Cheveley Park's managing director, said: "It was very exciting at Doncaster and those plans don't normally come off, so it was great. He seems to have come out of it very well and William is favouring a Listed race back at Doncaster to try and get a bit of black type for the family." Richardson also gave updates on two more Cheveley Park stars in Spacious, winner of last year's Windsor Forest Stakes at Royal Ascot, and Cesare, who has been off the track since finishing third on his hurdling bow. "Spacious is in good form and I think her early-season target would be the Dahlia Stakes at Newmarket on 1000 Guineas day (May 2)," he said. "We gave Cesare the one run over hurdles and while he ran okay, he disappointed us after that and James (Fanshawe) has been patient. "He's back cantering now and while it's still a little way away yet, he could possibly go for a Listed race at Ascot at the end of the month, which he won a couple of years ago. He won't run

over hurdles again and will stick with the Flat now, as long as he's enjoying it."

■ Gitanio Hernando will have an early-summer break before being brought back to the racecourse for a likely run at Royal Ascot or in the Coral-Eclipse.

Marco Botti's American Grade One winner was caught out by a lack of pace in the Dubai World Cup nearly a fortnight ago, but finished well when the gaps appeared to fill sixth.

He has since travelled back to Botti's Newmarket base and connections will map out a plan which may culminate at the Breeders' Cup in Kentucky in November.

■ John Quinn's Character Building will be carrying new colours in the Grand National at Aintree on Saturday after being purchased by David and Patricia Thompson, the owners of Cheveley Park Stud.

The couple bought Party Politics days before his 1992 win.

■ The new Flat season at Newmarket gets under way on Wednesday with the traditional curtain-raiser, the Craven Meeting. Wednesday's programme, which is due to start at 1.50pm, includes the Leslie Harrison Nell Gwyn Stakes and the Blue Square European Free Handicap. Feature race on Thursday's card (1.50pm start) is the breezeupbonus.com Craven Stakes with the Weatherbys Earl of Sefton Stakes on the support programme.

>> Athletics:

No fear for Holley in 'Horror'

PAUL Holley made the trip to Bristol on Sunday

worthwhile by winning the Hanham Horror, an annual event of 'mass suffering' organised by Bitton Road Runners.

The route includes murky woodland trails alongside the River Avon,

townpaths, challenging hills, and more than 100 steps – all in six hard country miles.

It sounds excruciating, but Holley conquered a field of 274 in a magnificent 31min 47sec.

Ursula White has also been on her travels, venturing to Ireland to compete in the Ballycotton 10, a popular race in a Cork fishing village attracting more than 2,300 runners.

White, who is training for the London Marathon in a couple of weeks, recorded a personal best 1hr 10min 47sec to finish 431st overall.

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>> Rugby Union: Junior Vase, Divisional Final – Newmarket 29 Teddington 36 (after extra time)

Last-gasp agony



Newmarket KO'd by final play in a Vase cracker

Got it: Newmarket's Richard Harper picks himself up after scoring the late try, converted by Michael Reeves, which took the tie to extra time. SP0639273



Looking up: Newmarket's Alistair Walker climbs high to win a line-out. SP0639285

THE final play in the last minute of extra time saw Newmarket lose a dramatic divisional final of the Junior Vase.

Teddington travelled to Scaltback Middle School with a 100 per cent league record which matched their hosts, and it was the Surrey One side who surged into a 10-0 lead at half time.

But a try from Patrick Tapley – after a forwards rumble sucked in their opponents for the ball to go out wide – and conversion and penalty by captain Michael Reeves made the score 10-10.

Two more converted tries saw Teddington go 24-10 in front, but after a scrum was collapsed Newmarket were awarded a penalty try, converted by Reeves, and they pulled the scores level with a touchdown from Richard Harper and Reeves' extras.

It left the match tied at 24-24, with extra time the outcome. Teddington got an unconverted score in the first 10-minute period to lead 29-24, but with three minutes remaining in the second period, Reeves applied the finishing touch to a rolling maul to draw the game level. However, with the last play of the game, the Teddington No 8 burst through the middle to



Ouch: Owen Wilson is clattered by a Teddington tackler

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score underneath the posts, and they added the conversion to go through to the national semi-final.

"I'm gutted that we lost," said Reeves. "I think in the full match they deserved to win."

"Teddington were a very well-drilled side with a very quick back three.

"We're really happy with the way we stuck at things and never gave

up. It's just unfortunate the last play of the game was theirs.

"There was a lot of good rugby from both sides."

It is the furthest Newmarket have progressed in the Junior Vase and Reeves added: "I'm proud of the lads for the way we've played. We've surprised everyone that we've got this far."

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>> Football: Ridgeons
League round-up

Market forces hit the Jockeys

Newmarket Tn 0 Needham Mkt 1
Premier Division

KEVIN Grainger was delighted by his Newmarket side's display despite losing to leaders Needham Market on Monday.

The pace-setters scored before the break, although Steve Bugg and Jon Olive had chances to level.

Jockeys' boss Grainger said: "It was a really good game and we matched Needham Market all the way.

"They were more than happy to come away with all three points and it was an encouraging performance that, hopefully, will lead to us finishing the season well."

Newmarket Tn 2 Hadleigh Utd 2
Premier Division

KEVIN Grainger felt Newmarket side should have won on Saturday after Hadleigh grabbed a point with a controversial equaliser.

Town were leading 2-1 thanks to goals from Steve Bugg and Steve Bell but, with 15 minutes remaining, a cross was bundled in at the far post by what Grainger thought was a hand. "Everyone in the ground saw it was handball apart from the referee," said Grainger. "It was very disappointing."

It was harsh on Newmarket, who had bounced back after falling behind in the 25th minute.

Bugg levelled before half time and, on the hour, Bell made it 2-1, before the controversial conclusion to proceedings.

Newmarket will be looking to improve their fortunes with a trip to Stanway on Saturday followed by a trek to Outwell to play Wisbech Town on Tuesday.

BOTTOM OF THE PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Haverhill Rov	31	10	8	13	44	52	38
Norwich Utd	33	9	10	14	55	58	37
Debenham LC	33	11	3	19	39	54	36
Hadleigh Utd	35	8	10	17	42	72	34
Newmarket Tn	32	9	5	18	50	59	32
Histon Res*	30	9	4	17	45	67	30
Woodbridge Tn	34	5	1	28	33	95	16
Wivenhoe Tn	31	1	4	26	24	99	7

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